



THE WAKEFIELD DAILY ITEM

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

www.wakefielditem.com

THURSDAY

JULY 21, 2005

Wakefield, MA 01880

111 YEARS
OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

One Common Street receives Preservation Award

From Wakefield Historical Society

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield Historical Commission recently presented a Preservation Award to Patrick Curley, the owner of One Common Street. Since his purchase of the property one year ago, Patrick Curley, who both lives and works at his property as an attorney, has painstakingly restored both interior and exterior details of the structure.

One Common Street, a typical late Federal house, was probably constructed prior to 1812 and moved to its present location.

It is first shown on a map circa 1812, when the area around the Common was the center of the village which had recently split off from the rest of the town of Reading, naming itself South Reading.

The house has been owned over the years by a succession of owners, including the First Parish Church,

which used it as a minister's home for a time.

From 1954 to 1979, the house was owned by a local electrician, who had his office in the rear of the building. From 1979 to 2003, the house was the office of another local law firm.

The interior of the house has three staircases between the first and second floor, along with two staircases between the first floor and the basement. One corner of the kitchen ceiling reveals the pegs that hold the beams together; to the right of the fireplace are two brick ovens.

In presenting the award, the Historical Commission noted that the property's location makes its appearance particularly important to the town; the owner's hard work and commitment to an historically sensitive restoration of his property has enhanced the entire area.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S Preservation Award was made to the owner of One Common Street, Atty. Patrick Curley, left, for his work to restore the historic structure where he lives and works. With him are Historical Commissioners Marcia Phinney, Gene Moulton, Juliane Gerace and Historical Commission Chair Nancy Bertrand.