

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 10 Court Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

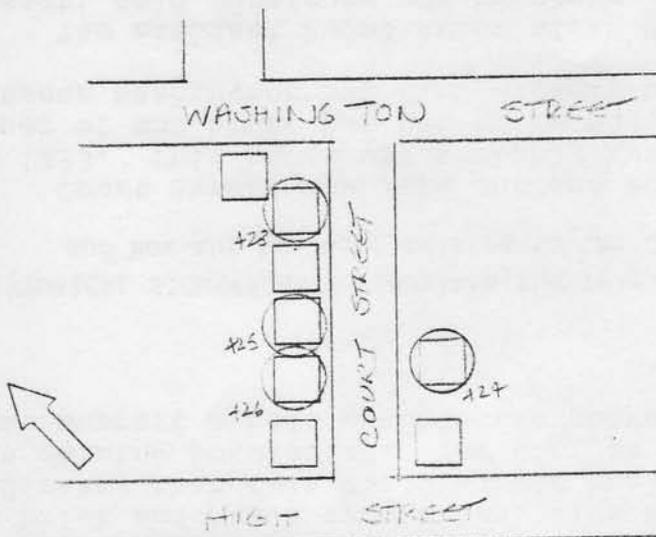
Present Residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1835

Source Building Fabric

Style Federal (transitional)

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) Wooden

addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 8,660 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area adjacent to the High Street historic district.

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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 11-15-80

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is exceptional because it is transitional in style. It is Federal in form, of two stories with a hipped roof. This alone is unusual as there few two story Federal buildings in Newburyport. This is brick and has a symmetrical five bay facade. The front entrance indicates that this building was built while the Greek Revival style was gaining popularity. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters that support a bold entablature above.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Court Street was laid out and accepted by the town of Newburyport in 1833. This house was probably built shortly thereafter. The original owner of the house has yet to be documented. All of the property between Washington and High Streets was once known as Greenleaf's Field.

The earliest known owner of 10 Court Street was Nathaniel G. Bassett. Bassett sold furniture and crockery in a shop at 38 Market Square. Bassett and his heirs owned this property until 1954 when Georgianna Bassett left the house to Eleanor Reynolds in her will.

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