

FORM B - BUILDING

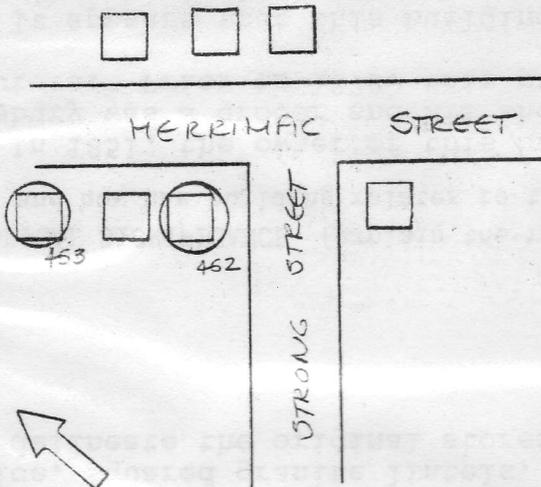
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Location Newburyport
 Address 115 Merrimac Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Commercial
 Present Commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) storefront has been altered (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,993 sq. ft.

Setting in commercial district along the banks of the Merrimack River

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

This two and a half story brick building with pitched roof is an excellent example of Greek Revival style as interpreted in a vernacular commercial building. Interesting features include the brick dentil cornice, squared granite lintels, and the heavy granite posts and lintels that delineate the original storefront.

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

In 1851, the owner of this building was Stephen M. Pillsbury. Pillsbury was a grocer and his shop was probably located in this structure. Prior to 1872, this property was conveyed to J. McKenna.

It appears that this building has been used for commercial purposes since its original construction. Today it is occupied by Warren's Linoleum Department.

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