

FORM B - BUILDING

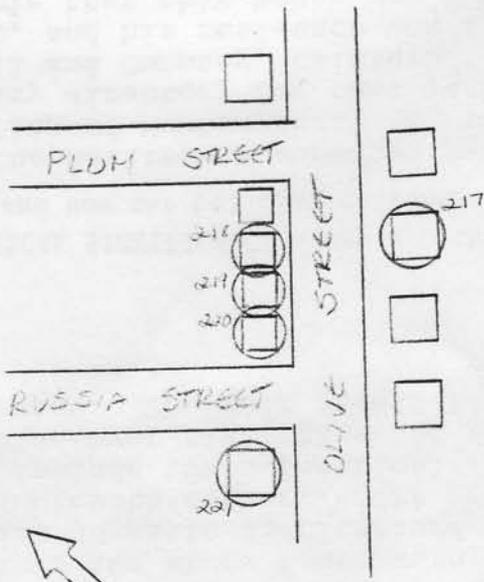
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 15-17 Olive Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at north and south sides, (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,700 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century domestic architecture.

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

This two story house with hipped roof is a good example of the Georgian domestic architecture built in Newburyport around the turn of the nineteenth century. The house has several typical Georgian features. These include the symmetrical five bay facade, the double hung window sash with nine over six lights and the entrance porch which is pedimented. The door itself is flanked by pilasters.

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

The earliest documented owner of this house is that noted on the 1851 Plan of Newburyport. At that time the property was owned by J. Burrill. The city directory for that year lists a John Burrill of the firm John Burrill and Company, painters. Burrill's business was located at 40 Merrimack Street, and his residence was listed at 17 Winter Street. It is quite possible that this house was owned as an investment property.

The house apparently stayed in the Burrill family until 1913 when Emma T. Burrill sold it to Thomas Bresnahan.

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