

FORM B - BUILDING

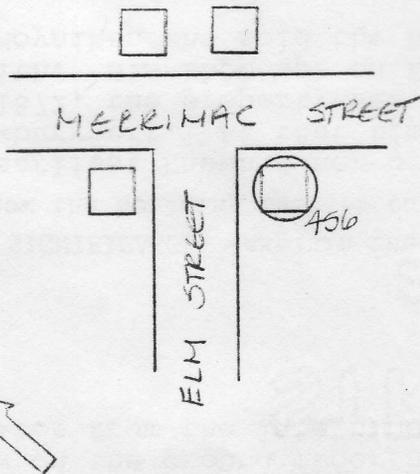
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 165 Merrimac Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) doorways and fenestration have been altered, shed dormer added, (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,520 sq. ft.
 Setting in area of mixed residential use along the banks of the Merrimac River.

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 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 12-15-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Although this house dates from the eighteenth century much of the architectural detail dates from the late nineteenth century. The house is two and a half stories in height with a gambrel wide low roof. The Merrimac Street facade was probably originally symmetrical with five bays. The window on the ground floor have been altered and the present bracketed doorway dates from the late nineteenth century.

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 known owner of this building is that noted on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. At that time Abraham Williams was the proprietor. Prior to 1872, the property was sold to Patrick Moynihan. Moynihan was a blacksmith. His shop was on Elm Street. In 1902 the property was willed to Ellen Moynihan who sold the house in 1923.

Today this building is divided into three dwelling units.

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