

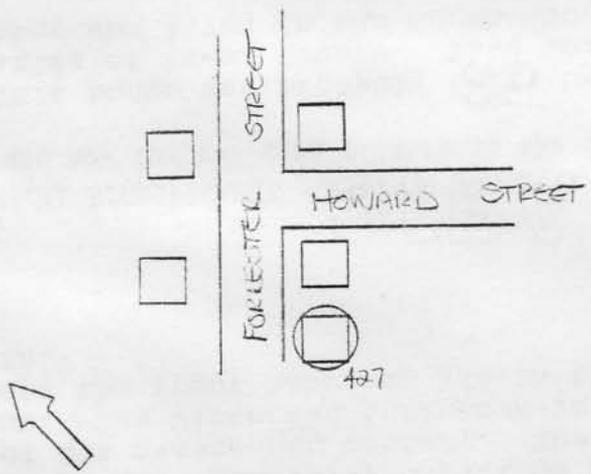
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	427

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Street Boston, MA 02108



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



Newburyport  
 Address 17 Forrester Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 : Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1880  
 Source 1884 Atlas of Essex County  
 Style Vernacular Victorian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,840 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of nineteenth and twentieth century dwellings.

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

This vernacular one and a half story residence with pitched roof is typical of the vernacular dwellings built in the North End during the second half of the nineteenth century. The architectural detail is kept to a minimum. The Victorian influence is seen in the elaborate brackets that ornament the front entrance and in the exaggerated dentil moulding in the cornice.

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

This house was probably built by W. Merritt noted as the owner in the 1884 Atlas of Essex County. This was possibly William H. Merritt, a ship carpenter who lived in the North End.

Prior to 1913 this property was acquired by Robert C. Bridge who sold it to George B. Groaton in that year.

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