

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 197-199 Merrimac Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

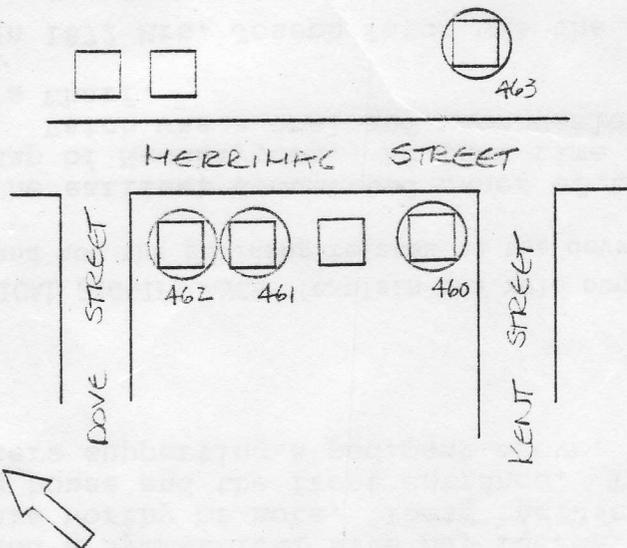
Present Residence

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. 1800

Source Building Fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) lean-to added at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 2,640sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century.

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

This house is a fine example of the Federal style as interpreted in the vernacular. The building is three stories in height with a hipped roof and a symmetrical five bay facade. The building has several features that are worthy of note. These include the two story lean-to at the rear of the house and the front entrance. The door is flanked by classical pilasters supporting a pediment above.

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 Map of Newburyport. At that time the property owner was Joseph Patch. Patch was a coal and wood dealer. His business was located on Patch's Wharf.

In 1872 Mrs. Joseph Patch was the proprietor of this dwelling.

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