

FORM B - BUILDING

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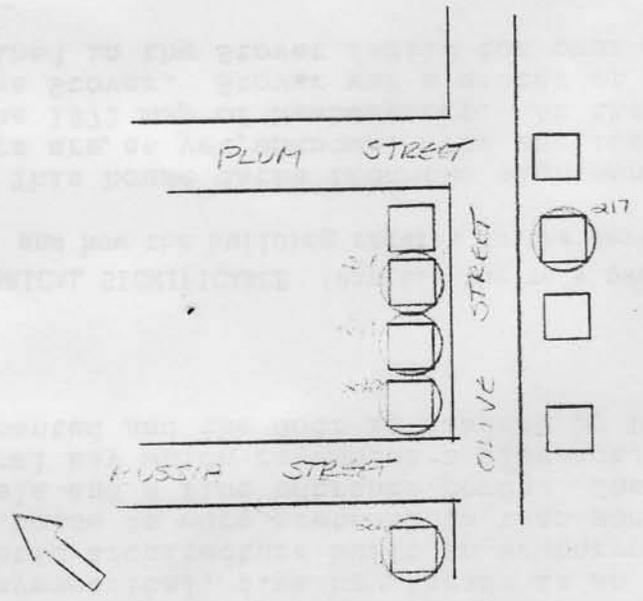
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 26 Olive 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 Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 7,550 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 dwelling with pitched roof, massive central chimney, and symmetrical, five bay facade is an excellent example of the Georgian domestic architecture built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. This house is more pretentious than some, with classically inspired window lintels and a fine entrance porch. The front entrance is a projecting central bay which resembles a classical temple in miniature. It is pedimented and the door is flanked by Doric pilasters.

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 dates from the eighteenth century although the earliest owners are, as yet, unknown. The earliest documented owner is that noted on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. At that time the house was owned by George Stover. Stover was a grocer at 156 Merrimac Street. This house remained in the Stover family for over one hundred years.

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