

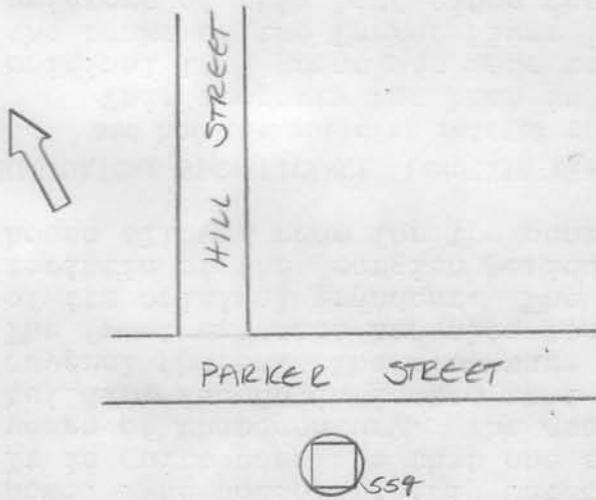
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Newburyport
 Address 26 Parker Street
 Historic Name Smith Farm
 Original Residence
 Present _____
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner _____

DESCRIPTION:

Date 18th century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Wood shingles
 Outbuildings Barn, other side of Parker Street
 Major alterations (with dates) Front entrance altered - date unknown
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 37,000 sq. ft.
 Setting _____

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Develop.
 Date May 17, 1981

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

This two and a half story residence has the overall form of a Georgian home. The house probably dates from the second half of the 18th century. It is quite possible that one section of the building dates from the early years of that century. The asymmetrical placement of the windows on the building facade indicates that the building may have been constructed in several phases. The structure has recently been resided with wood shingles. The front entrance has also been altered but retains a pediment suggestive of its original grandeur. The massive interior chimneys are a feature characteristic of the Georgian period. Their placement near the endwalls of the house allowed room for the central hallway so typical of third period houses.

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

This property has been in the Smith family for ten generations. The original land grant was made to one of the earliest settlers that arrived on the banks of the Parker River in 1636. His descendants have been the proprietors of this land since that time. The exact construction date of the house is known, but the building was probably built in several phases.

In 1830, the owner of the property, as noted on map of the town of Newbury, was R. Smith. In 1872, by which time this land had been annexed by Newburyport. The owner that year was Robert A. Smith. He is listed in the city directory as a farmer and brickmaker.

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