

FORM B - BUILDING

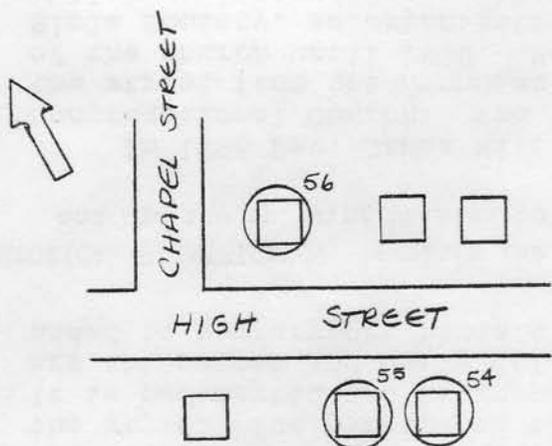
Area A	Form no. 54
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport  
 Address 281 High Street  
 Historic Name Miltimore-Husk House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Rev. James Miltimore

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1809  
 Source Howells, " Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack "  
 Style Federal  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings Garage, barn and tool house  
 Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear (dates unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 7,375 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt  
 Organization Office of Community  
 Date 8-17-80

Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th Century.

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

This home is a nice example of the domestic architecture built along High Street during the Federal period. The house has the three story form with hipped roof characteristic of the Federal style. The architectural details of the house are simple yet the cornice moulding and the window lintels are both classically inspired and in keeping with the style. The portico at the front entrance is apparently original. It is pedimented and is supported by reeded Doric columns. The columns are attenuated and quite delicate, unlike those of the porticos often added to Newburyport homes at mid-century.

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

In 1808 Rev. James Miltimore became the pastor of the Belleville Congregational Church. The following year this house was built across the street from the church as his residence. Miltimore served as pastor of the church until 1836. He also helped to organize the Merrimack Bible Society, an organization that distributed bibles and gave religious instruction to the public. Miltimore probably lived in this house until his death in 1836.

In 1851 this house was owned by Andrew W. Miltimore. Miltimore was active in settling the various disputes arising from the annexation of the Belleville section of Newbury to the City of Newburyport. By 1872 Miltimore's wife was living in the smaller home, newly built at 283 High Street.

In 1872 Moses L. Hale was the owner of the house at 281 High Street.

In 1924 the property was sold to Harry and Gertrude Husk who owned it until 1956 when it was conveyed to Arthur and Gertrude Armstrong.

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