

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 224 Washington Street Boston MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 29-31 Marlboro Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

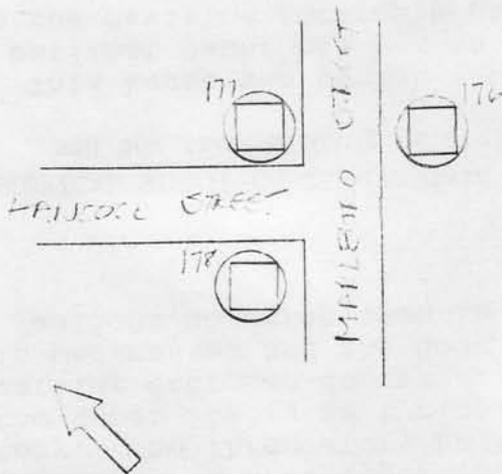
Present Residence

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 c. 1800

Source Building fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 12,330 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This home is an excellent example of the Federal style that predominated in Newburyport during the early years of the nineteenth century. The three story house with hipped roof and decreasing window size in the upper floors is typically Federal. The front entrance is reminiscent of earlier Georgian doorways. It resembles a classical temple in miniature. It is pedimented and the door is flanked by Doric pilasters. It is lacking the fanlight so often seen in Federal architecture.

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 around the turn of the nineteenth century. The earliest owner has yet to be documented, but was probably associated with the maritime interests on the banks of the Merrimack River.

In 1872, this house was owned by George Donnell and Alfred Hale. Hale was an expressman.

By 1884, the property was conveyed to Charles C. Donnell and others. In 1912, Benjamin P. Donnell, administrator of the estate of Charles C. Donnell, sold the property to Carl Knight. The house remained in the Knight family until 1930.

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