

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport

Address 348 Merrimac Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence _____

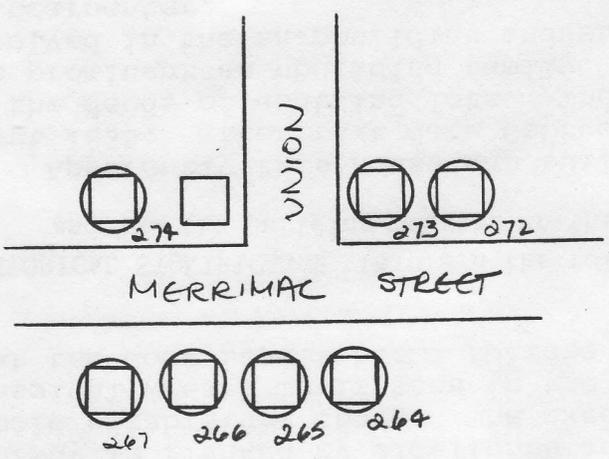
Present Residence _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner George W. Jackman

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1835

Source Essex County Registry of Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) side porch added (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 27,389 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area of primarily 18th and 19th century homes on the banks of the Merrimack.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 01-04-81

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

This two story Greek Revival house with pitched roof, is a fine example of the style as built early in the period. The style is evident in the building's cornerboards, cornice moulding, and in the exceptional front entrance. The cornice resembles a stylized dentil moulding. The doorway is flanked by sidelights and by fluted Doric pilasters that support a bold entablature above. The exceptional features of the doorway are the classical wreath motif seen in the frieze of this entablature and the fact that the door itself has a foliate carving around the edges.

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

Apparently this house was built by a member of the Jackman family about 1835. After that date George W. Jackman is mentioned as the owner in the deeds of abutting lots. There were several George W. Jackmans in the prominent shipbuilding family. The original owner was undoubtedly involved in the shipbuilding industry, probably as a shipbuilder or shipcarpenter.

In 1872 George L. Jackman was the owner of this house. Jackman sold stoves and tinware in a store at 37 Pleasant Street. In 1894 George W. Jackman and Rosalie Jackman sold this house to Moses H. Fowler. The house was still owned by the Fowler family in 1924.

Reminiscent of the designs of Minard LaFever, this type of doorway is seen in several other Newburyport homes built during the period. The house at 16 Harris Street is another example.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET