

FORM B - BUILDING

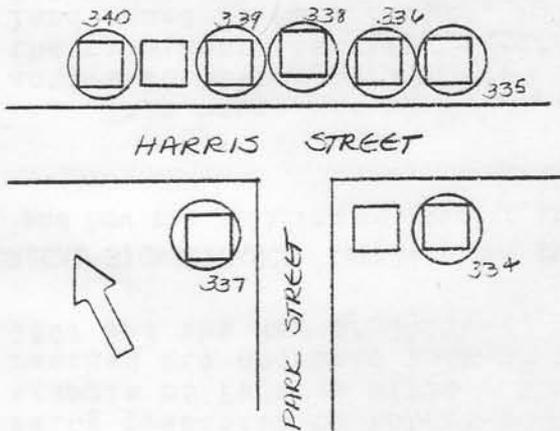
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 4-6 Harris Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Single family dwelling
 Present Commercial/Residential
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1800
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) Renovated to accomodate professional offices (1978)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,564 sq. ft.
 Setting Building is situated in dense built area of residential and commercial properties

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

This three-story clapboarded house with hipped roof exhibits elegant details typical of the Federal style. The dentilled cornice, delicately classical window lintels and arched doorway with fanlight are features which became popular early in the nineteenth century after being presented by Robert Adam in England. This house is an excellent example of Federal style. The style is common in Newburyport which reached its economic peak in the decades before Jefferson's Embargo of 1807 and the War of 1812.

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 by one of the families that was active in Newburyport's West India or coastal trade at the turn of the nineteenth century. Harris Street was laid out in 1795 through land owned by Mary Hooper, Nicholas Pike and others. The house at 4-6 Harris Street was probably built shortly thereafter.

In 1851, the house was owned by Captain Moses Emery. Emery was the owner of the brig Pocahontas built in 1816 and he was part owner of the schooner Peacock, built in 1819. In 1872, Captain Emery's widow owned the house.

Today, the building contains three apartments and four offices.

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