

FORM B - BUILDING

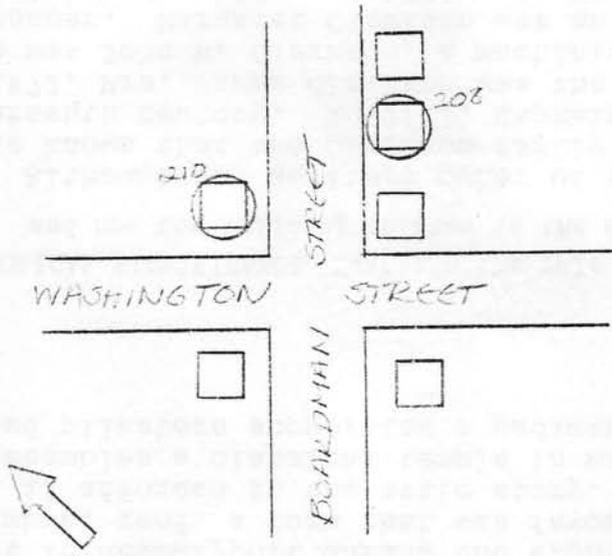
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 State Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 48 Boardman Street  
 Historic Name Capt. James Clarkson House  
 Date: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 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 Late Eighteenth Century  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 11,280 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings.

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

This house is a fine example of the two story Georgian dwellings built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The house has a gambrel roof, a form that was favored because of the extra headroom that it afforded in the attic story. This house has a fine doorway. It resembles a classical temple in miniature. The door is flanked by fluted pilasters supporting a pediment with dentil moulding above.

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

Although the earliest owner of this house has yet to be documented, it is known that the Clarkson family owned this house for much of the nineteenth century. In 1851, Captain James Clarkson owned this house. In 1872, Mrs. James Clarkson was the owner. Also in residence at the time was John W. Clarkson, a machinist, and Margaret Clarkson, a teacher. Margaret Clarkson was an instructor at the Putnam Free School between 1866 and 1868 and she served as preceptress at the school between 1868 and 1889.

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