

FORM B - BUILDING

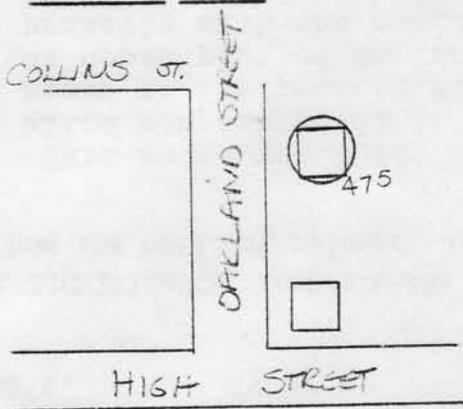
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
221 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 55 Oakland Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Sash and Blind Company  
 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. 1830  
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers" 6/23/1906  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) Rear porch added (1971)  
 Moved From Carter St. Between 1851 & 18 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 12,930 sq. ft.  
 Setting At the top of Oakland St. surrounded by a neighborhood of 19th century single-family dwellings.

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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 house is a fine example of Greek Revival vernacular domestic architecture. As is common in Newburyport, the style can be seen primarily in the doorway and cornerboards. The wide fascia is the door's entablature and the flanking applied pilasters are typical of the style. This was apparently built earlier than many Greek Revival homes in Newburyport as the overall proportions of the building and its detail are not as exaggerated as they are in the home built in the 1840's & 1850's.

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 built on Carter Street and was used to house a sash and blind company until it was purchased by John B. Lord. Lord moved the house to its present site. At that time, it was the only building on the upper part of Oakland Street, adjacent to High Street. His trade was probably with the residents of High Street as there is no mention of him in association with the shipbuilding industry.

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