

FORM B - BUILDING

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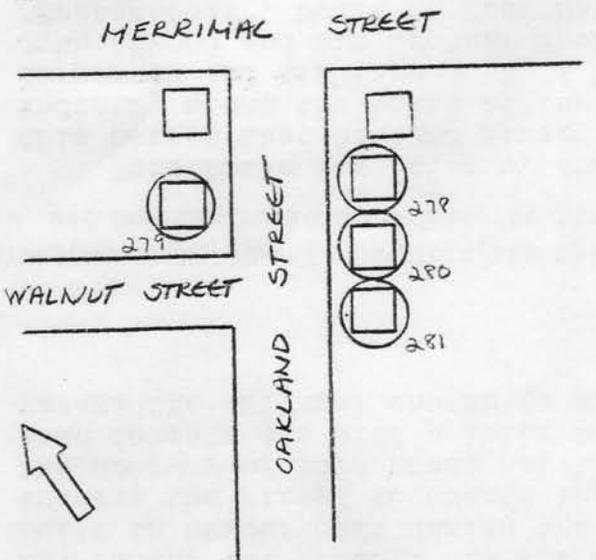
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
Address 9 Oakland Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence _____
 Present Residence _____
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1843
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) entrance porch and shed dormers added (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,770 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area in which 19th century single family dwellings predominate.



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

This one and one half story house is unusual in that its gable is not facing the street. To the most part, the single family residences built in Newburyport during the Greek Revival period are placed with end towards the street to create the pediment so characteristic of the style. The doorway of this house has been altered as have the shutters. The shed dormers are also a later addition. The cornerboards and cornice reveal the original character of the house as vernacular Greek Revival.

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 by John B. Atwood in 1843. It was during this period that Oakland Street was developing along with the shipbuilding industry along the banks of the Merrimack River. Atwood was a ship's carpenter and his firm J. B. & T. Atwood was located on Merrimac Street. John Atwood and his brother Thomas were part owners of the schooner "Enchantress", built by Eber Manson of Newburyport. This vessel was captured by the Confederate cruiser "Jefferson Davis" on July 6, 1861. The "Enchantress" was recaptured on July 31, 1861, by the "U. S. S. Albatross" and sent to New York.

The owners of the schooner were paid \$3,000.00 as compensation for the capture of the vessel under an act of Congress in 1874.

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