

FORM B - BUILDING

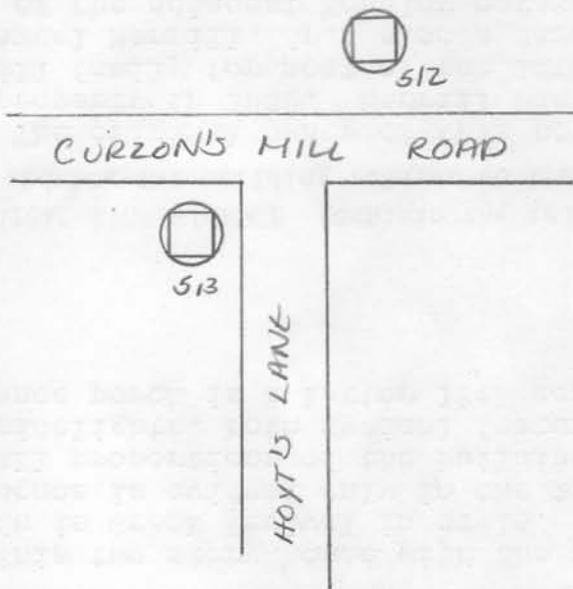
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
Curzon's Mill Road
 Historic Name _____
 Original residence
 Present residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Samuel Merrill

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date mid 19th century
 Source building fabric
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) exterior porch added (late 19th century), bay window added (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 12.7 acres
 Setting in relatively rural residential area on the outskirts of the City.

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

This two story house with the pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade is Greek Revival in style. The house is vernacular and the Greek influence is evident only in the treatment of the front entrance and in the overall proportions of the building. The front door is flanked by pilasters and sidelights, both typical features of the Greek Revival style. The simple entrance porch is a latter 19th century addition to the structure.

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

The original owner of this house was probably Samuel Merrill, owner of the property in 1830. Merrill was a farmer. The house remained in the Merrill family for most of the 19th century. In 1872, the house was owned by Samuel Merrill, Jr., also a farmer. Prior to 1924, this house became a part of the adjacent Moseley estate.

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