

FORM B - BUILDING

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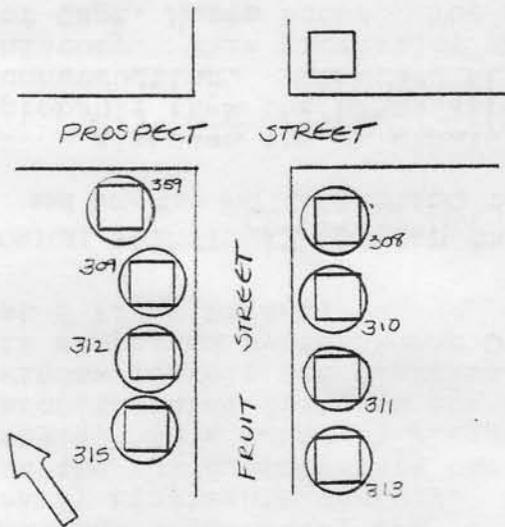


City Newburyport
 Address 1 Fruit Street
 Historic Name Brown-Moran House
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1794
 Source Newburyport Daily News
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) brick addition at rear (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____



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Approx. acreage 5,700 sq. ft.
 in a residential area of
 Setting single and double houses built for the most part during the first decade of the nineteenth century. The homes are closely spaced and have little land on the street side. Many are fine examples of the Federal style.

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

This house is one of the fine Federal homes on Fruit Street. It has the three story hipped roof form so common in Newburyport in the early nineteenth century. The house also has the small square windows on the third story that became one of the hallmarks of the Federal style. This house is elegantly composed although the individual architectural features are simple. The cornice moulding and the window lintels are classically inspired. The pedimented entrance portico is supported by the Roman Doric order and resembles the entrance portico at 9 Fruit Street.

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 original owner of this house is not documented it is probable that the house was owned by Moses Brown shortly after its construction. There are at least three Moses Browns in Newburyport's history. This particular Moses Brown was born March 22, 1770, the son of Capt. Moses Brown. The elder Moses Brown was involved in the West India trade and was commander of the U. S. Sloop of War, "Merrimack" built in Newburyport in 1798. The younger Moses Brown also had maritime interests as he was an active member of the Newburyport Marine Society and was lost at sea in 1819. Mrs. Eunice Brown lived in this house after her husband's death. The house remained in the Brown family well into the twentieth century.

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