

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

455

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street Boston, MA 02108

n Newburyport

ress 151 Merrimac Street

toric Name Boardman House

: Original Residence

Present Residence

nership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) doorway
have been altered (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 6,000 sq. ft.

Setting in area of mixed
residential and commercial uses on
the banks of the Merrimack River

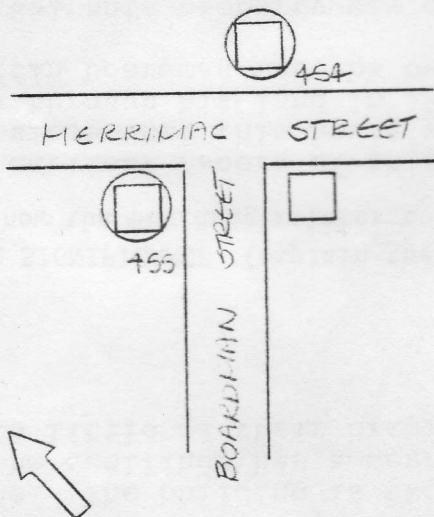
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Organization Office of Community
Development

Date 12-10-80

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



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 mid-eighteenth century. The house is, in fact, two attached dwellings. If detached, each would have a symmetrical five bay facade. The building is two stories in height and has a hipped roof. Each of the dwellings has a central chimney. The doorways have been altered and retain little of their original architectural character.

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

The earliest owners of this house have yet to be documented. It is quite possible that this house was owned by Offin Boardman. Boardman laid out a way through his land in 1754. It was thereafter called Boardman's Lane. Offin Boardman was the owner of several Merrimack-built vessels.

In 1851 this property was owned by Mrs. Judith Boardman. Also in residence at the time was Greenleaf Boardman who ran a livery stable on Merrimac Street. Prior to 1872 the property was conveyed to Mrs. Hannah T Marshall. Also in residence at that time was Henry O. Marshall, mariner, and Offin B. Marshall, carpenter. Later Offin B. Marshall willed the house to Alice V. Goodwin who owned it until 1927.

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