

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

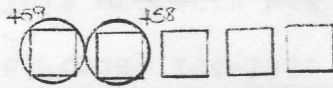
Area

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



MERRIMAC STREET

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Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-11-80

Location Newburyport

Address 186-188 Merrimac Street

Historic Name

Use: Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
Private organization

Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Nineteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) building's entrances and fenestration have been altered (dates unknown)

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Approx. acreage 7,780 sq. ft.

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

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building is very simple in style. It is of brick, two stories in height with a pitched roof. Architectural detail is kept to a minimum suggesting that the building may have originally been partly utilitarian in nature. The entrances and fenestration of the building have been altered. The doorways retain little of their original architectural detail.

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 known owner of this building was that noted on the 1851 "Plan of Newburyport". At that time Solomon Littlefield was the owner of the property. Littlefield was a teamster. In the 1871 City Directory, Littlefield's occupation is listed as truck driver. At that time both his business and residence were listed as 170 Merrimac Street, today 184-186.

This property was owned by Littlefield and his heirs until 1917 when Sarah E. Hodgdon and E. A. Littlefield sold the house to Margaret Hartnett. Today this structure houses four apartments.

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