

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.  
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
221 Huntington Street Boston MA 02108



Location Newburyport

Address 189 Merrimac Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Original Residential

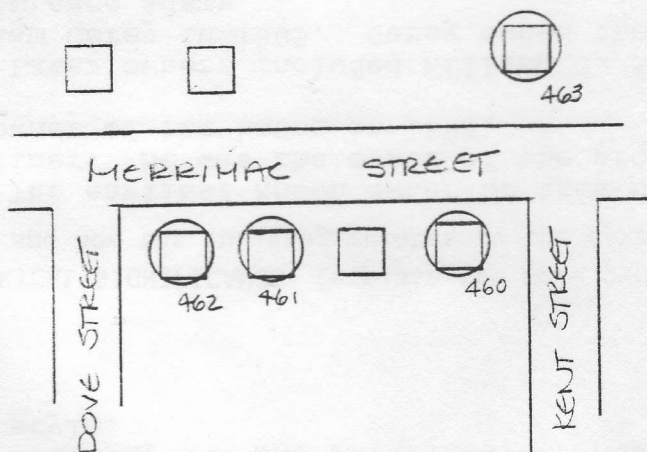
Present Residential/commercial

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
☐ Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, storefront added (dates unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 2,470 sq. ft.

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

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-12-80

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

This house is a good example of the Georgian homes built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The house is two stories in height with a pitched roof and a symmetrical five bay facade. Noteworthy features of the house are the lean-to and the simple cornice moulding. The front entrance was altered during the Breek Revival period and presently has the pilasters and heavy entablature associated with that style.

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 house was John L. Brown. Brown was a mariner. He was the owner of the property in 1872. Mrs. J. Brown was the owner of the house in 1884.

Later owners included William C. Spaulding who sold the house to William Carey in 1905. Carey owned the house until 1913 when he sold it to Lawrence Adams.

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