

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 20 Tyng Street

Historic Name James Merrow House

Original Residence

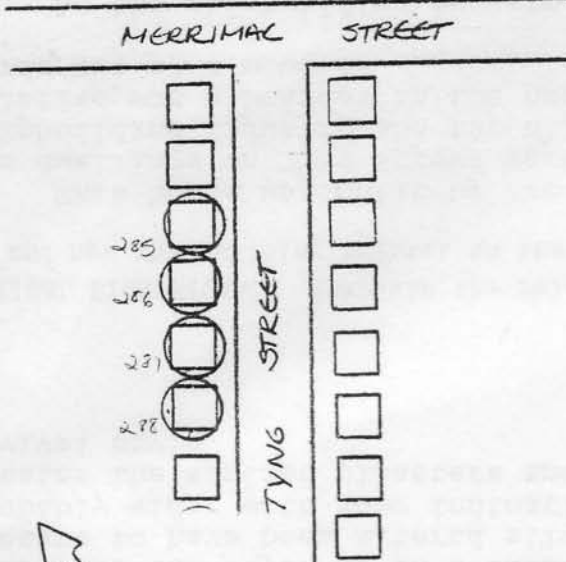
Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner James Merrow

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1843

Source Merrill, "North End Papers"

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear (date unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 8,500 sq. ft.

Setting In residential area of primarily nineteenth century single family dwellings.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 7/28/80

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

This house is a vernacular example of the Greek Revival style. In this case the style is in evidence only in the front doorway. This appears to have been altered slightly. Originally the lintel was probably wider with some indications of an entablature. The doorway retains the applied pilasters and sidelights characteristic of the Greek Revival style.

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

This house was built by James Merrow, a ship's carpenter. Many of the dwellings on Tyng Street were built to house those involved in the shipbuilding industry and the allied trades. Alfred B. Merrow, a relative, was a boarder in the house in 1872. He too worked in the shipyards, but as a moulder.

As the shipbuilding industry developed and flourished along Merrimac Street the laborers and craftsman built homes along the streets, like Tyng Street, which were laid out from Merrimac Street to High Street.

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