

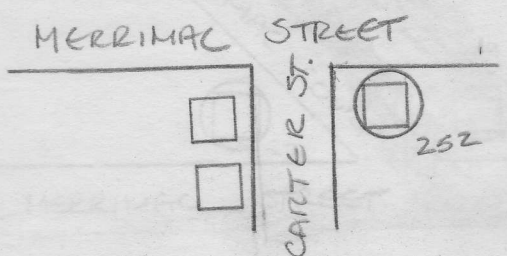
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
204 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
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location in relation to nearest  
cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.  
Indicate north.



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Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-15-80

Newburyport

Address 215 Merrimac Street

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

Original Residence

Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
☐ Private organization

☐ Public

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Late Eighteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) additions  
on eastern side, lean to added, bay  
window added, (dates unknown)

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

Approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \_\_\_\_\_

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This two story house with pitched roof and a five bay facade is a good example of the vernacular dwellings built about the turn of the nineteenth century. The lean-to at the rear of the building has been added as has the bay window in the building's facade. The front entrance of this house has been altered and presently exhibits the sidelights flanking pilasters and bold entablature 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)

The earliest known owner of this house is Enock C. Toppan, owner of the property in 1872. Toppan was a shipjoiner who worked for the shipbuilding firm of W. A. Evans and Company.

Prior to 1876 this house was conveyed to John M. Pearson who sold it to Mary A. Sanderson in that year.

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