

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 250 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 22-24 Olive Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Original Residence

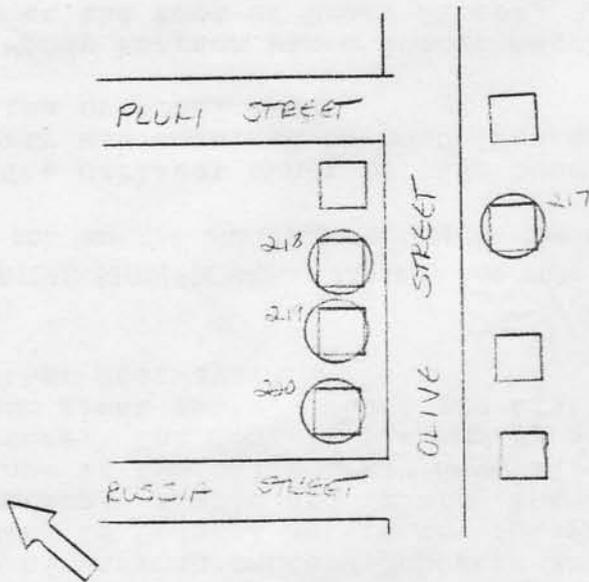
Present Residence

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 c. 1830

Source Building Fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) doorways
 were possibly altered (mid-nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 11,000 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of
primarily eighteenth and nineteenth
century domestic architecture.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community

Date 12-10-80

Development

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This two story brick house with hipped roof is an excellent example of early nineteenth century domestic architecture. The overall form of the building is Federal as are the splayed brick window lintels. The cornice is extremely simple and is also inspired by the Federal style. The front entrance is typically Greek Revival and could be a later addition to the structure. The door is flanked by sidelights and surmounted by an oblong transom light above. There are also squared granite lintels above this and other doorways.

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 owner of this house is not known. Prior to 1851, the property was acquired by Moody Pearson. Pearson might, in fact, have been the original owner.

Moody Pearson was a lumber merchant with a business on Brown's Wharf at the foot of Green Street. Pearson was also involved in textile manufacturing briefly. He was one of the incorporators of the Newburyport Hosiery Manufacturing Company for the purpose of manufacturing hosiery and every description of "warp frame work". The company was in business for only five years.

In 1866 this house was purchased by the Society for the Relief of Aged Females which refurbished the property and operated a home for elderly women until 1892 when the home moved to 75 High Steet.

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