

FORM B - BUILDING

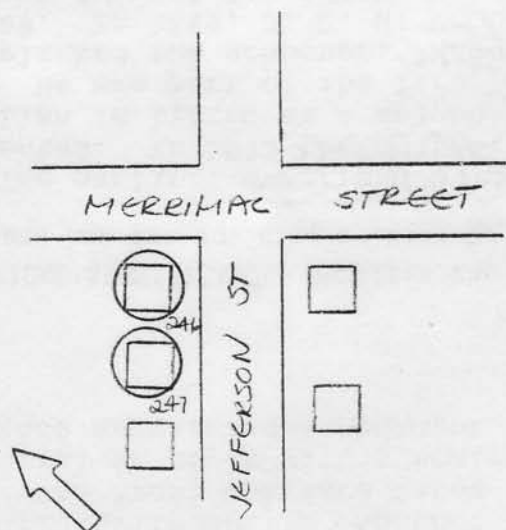
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Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



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 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date _____

Newburyport
24 Jefferson Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: ☒ Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) lean-to added, addition bay added (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 11,400 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings on the banks of the Merrimack River.

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

This two story home with pitched roof and lean-to at rear is an excellent example of early domestic architecture. This house probably dates from the mid-eighteenth century. It probably had a symmetrical five bay facade when originally built. Another bay and the lean-to were added at a later date. The front entrance dates from the turn of the nineteenth century. It is Federal in style with a semi-circular fanlight. The door is flanked by pilasters supporting a pediment above.

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 and builder of this house have yet to be documented. In 1872 the property was owned by J. P. H. McQuillan. McQuillan is listed as a shipbuilder in the city directory for the year 1871. He was part of the firm "Doyle and McQuillan" for a time. This firm planked the schooner, "Maggie Andrews", built by George E. Currier in 1889. In 1889, J. P. H. McQuillan took fourteen men to Boxford to "get out frames" for a schooner to be built by George E. Currier in his yard at the foot of Ashland Street.

This house is clearly an integral part of the shipbuilding district along the banks of the Merrimack River.

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