

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 288 Merrimac Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

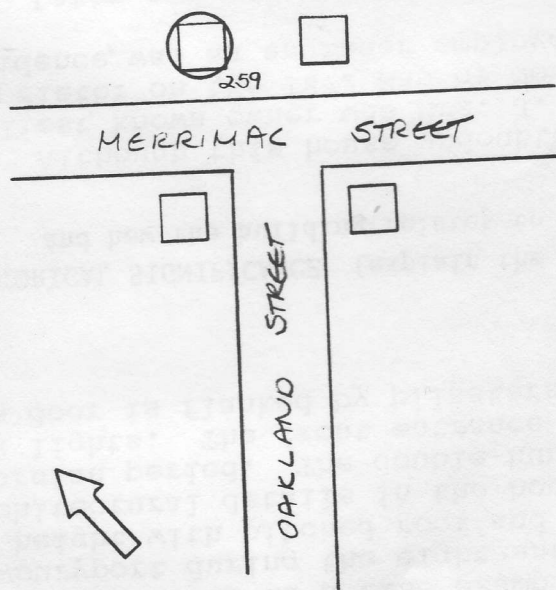
Present Residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

Draw map showing property's 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) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 9,120 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings 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 fine example of the Georgian homes built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The building is two stories in height with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade. The architectural details in the house are simple, yet characteristic of the Georgian period. The double hung window wash have nine over six or six over six lights. The front entrance porch is an excellent example of the period. 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)

Although this house undoubtedly dates from the eighteenth century, the earliest known owner was Mrs. J. Martha Whittier. She is noted as the proprietor on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. Joseph Whittier, also in residence, was an engineer employed by the Essex Mills.

Later owners of the house included Wallace Anderson, who sold the property to Israel A. Morse in 1895. In 1905, Morse willed the house to M. A. Gooch who owned it until 1922.

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