

FORM B - BUILDING

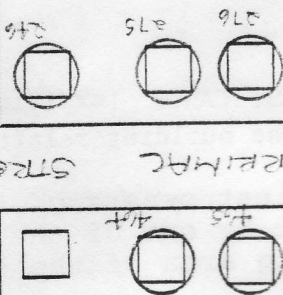
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Location in relation to nearest  
 cross streets and other buildings  
 or geographical features.  
 Indicate north.

MERRIMAC STREET

JEFFERSON STREET



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirling

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-15-80

(Staple additional sheets here)

DESCRIPTION:

Original owner Unknown

Public

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
☐ Private organization

Present Residence

Original Residence

Historic Name

Address 428 Merrimac Street

Newburyport

Date Eighteenth Century

Source Building Fabric

Style Georgian

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos Siding

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Porch

added, building resided (date

unknown)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 45,500 sq. ft.

Setting in area of mixed residence

and commercial uses along the bank

of the Merrimack River.

Area

465

Form no

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

This vernacular two story house with pitched roof and three bay facade is typical of the small Georgian homes built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. Much of the building's architectural detail has been lost. The original doorway remains however. The door is flanked by pilasters supporting a classical entablature above. This is a typical late eighteenth century front entrance.

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 owners of this house have yet to be documented. It was probably built by one of the shipbuilders in the North End or by a farmer on the outlying area of the shipbuilding district.

In 1912 Admlia R. Church sold this house to George W. Hodgdon who owned the property until 1919. At that time the house was purchased by bert L. Lowe.

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