

FORM B - BUILDING

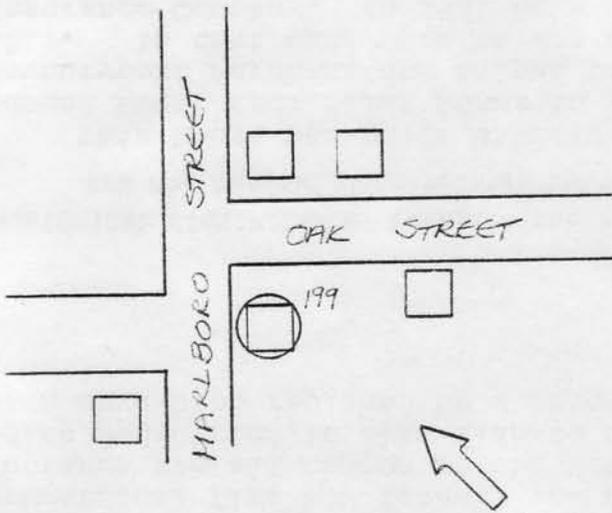
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 43 Marlboro Street  
 Historic Name Edmund Swett House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Edmund Swett

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800  
 Source Essex County Registry of Deeds  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Shingles  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, window sash replaced (date unknown)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 12,840 sq. ft.

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 Organization Office of Community Development  
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Setting in residential area in which the predominant building type is that of vernacular single family dwellings built during the second half of the nineteenth century.

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

This house is typical of the Georgian style homes built in Newburyport during the last decades of the eighteenth century. The symmetrical five bay facade, the pitched roof and the pedimented front entrance are all common to the Georgian style. The front door, as well as being pedimented, is also flanked by Doric pilasters. The original window sash have been replaced by double hung sash with two over two lights.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This house was built shortly after the house lot was purchased by Edmund Swett from Silas Adams in 1800. Swett was a prominent Newburyport merchant and helped to establish the Leonidas Fire Society in 1811. In that same year he was one of the incorporators of the Merchant's Insurance Company. In 1831 he was one of the founders of the Merchants Bank of Newburyport. Swett owned several vessels including the Brigantine "Hannah" built in 1789 and the "Snow Mary" built in 1791.

Between 1800 and 1921, this house was owned by the heirs of Edmund Swett. During the 1870's Nathaniel Greeley was the house's owner and occupant. Greeley was a farmer. In 1921 Lillian Greeley, who had acquired the property from Nathaniel, grandson of Charles Swett, sold the property to Lillian Wise.

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