

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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n Newburyport

ress 433 Merrimac Street

toric Name _____

: Original Residence

Present Residence

ership: ☒ 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 c. 1840

Source Building Fabric

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) porch

added (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

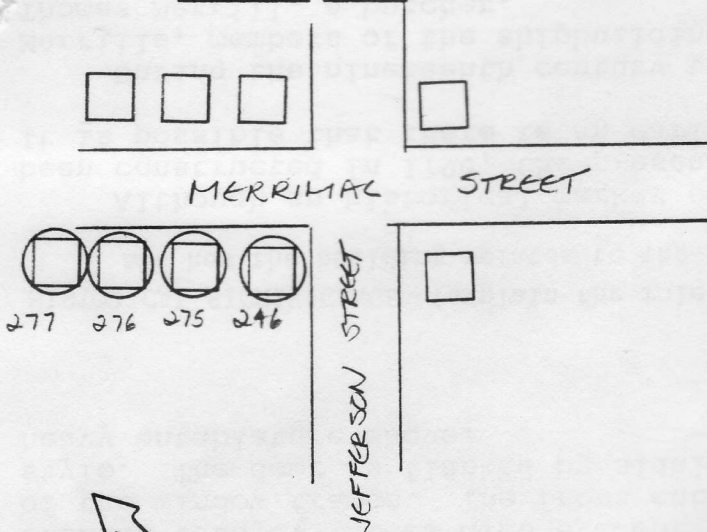
Approx. acreage 10,850 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area along the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 12-19-80



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

This two story house with pitched roof is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The influence of the Greek style can be seen in the heavy cornerboards and cornice fascia. It is also evident in the bull's eye motif at the corners of the window frames. The front entrance is also characteristic of the style. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters which support a heavy entablature 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 an historical marker on this house dates the structure as having been constructed in 1790, the present design is clearly mid-nineteenth century. It is possible that there is an earlier portion of the house.

During the nineteenth century this house was owned by a series of Merrills, members of the shipbuilding family. In 1872 it was owned by Thomas Merrill, a butcher.

This house remained in the Merrill family until 1950 when George and Sadie L. Merrill sold the house to Philip H. Walker.

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