FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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

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Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community

Development

Date 8-4-80

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oric	Name	Capt	. Willia	m Graves	Hse.
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Orig	ginal	owner	Capt.	William	Grav

Date c. 1850

Source 1851 Map of Newburyport

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings

dormers added,	, additions at rear,
(dates unknown	1)
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Approx. acreage_	17,400 sq. ft.
Setting on New	wburyport's main
thoroughfare no	oted for its excellent
examples of don	mestic architecture
dating from the	e Colonial period through

the early 20th century.

Major alterations (with dates) Shed

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

This house has several notable features of the Greek Revival style. These include the wide fascia in the cornice and the heavy cornerboards and doorway which is flanked by pilasters. The entablature above the doorway is also definitely Greek Revival in nature. Several elements of this house might indicate an earlier Georgian design. The form of two stories with hipped roof in Georgian in character as are the window lintels. It is quite possible that this house dates from the late eighteenth century and was extensively remodeled by Capt. William Graves.

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

In 1851 this house was owned by Captain William Graves. Graves was a merchant whose business was located at 8 Ferry Wharf. In 1869 Graves became president of the Bartlett Steam Mills located at 20 Pleasant Street. At the same time Graves was a justice of the peace and a director of the Merchant's National Bank.

Captain Graves was one of the owners of the Ship "Castillian" built by John Currier, Jr. in 1849, the Ship "Valent built by Currier in 1853 and the Ship Winona built in 1862. Graves owned the house for over twenty years. The house stayed in the Graves family until very recently.

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