

FORM B - BUILDING

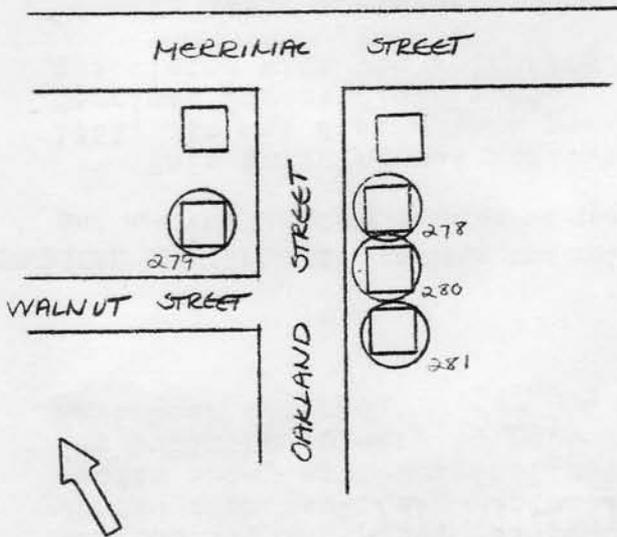
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 6-8 Oakland Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 19th century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Shingles  
 Outbuildings Shed  
 Major alterations (with dates) Building has been shingled and has aluminum shutters.  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 11,660 sq. ft.  
 Setting In residential area of 19th century single family dwellings

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

This building retains few original exterior architectural features. Originally, the house was probably clapboarded. Cornice moulding and window sash have been replaced and the house has been re-sided with wooden shingles. Originally the wall covering was probably clapboards. The building appears to have been built in several phases. The doorways have been altered.

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

This building was built between the turn of the 19th century and 1851. It was during this period that the shipbuilding industry along Merrimac Street flourished. Oakland Street was settled by people associated with the shipyards.

In 1851, E. Barrett owned this dwelling. Whether or not he had an affiliation with the shipyards is unknown. In 1872, however, Amos Coffin lived at 6 Oakland St. Coffin was a shipbuilder and in 1866, he and Joseph Dustin built the schooner "Commerce". This was the first vessel built by this partnership, although each of the men had built on their own account.

Amos Coffin served as alderman from Ward 3 in 1870 and 1874-76. In 1880, he served as a representative to the General Court, elected by the inhabitants of Newburyport.

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