

FORM B - BUILDING

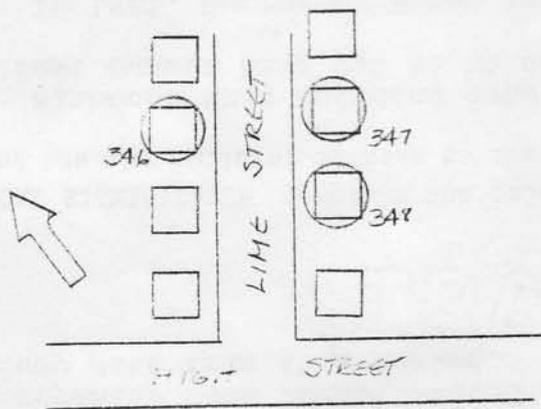
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 97-99 Lime Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: 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 Eighteenth century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) building has recently been restored.  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 9,224 sq. ft.  
 Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century domestic architecture adjacent to High Street Historic District.

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

This eighteenth century two story Georgian house is unusual in that it has three bays with a center entrance and a large center chimney. This form is unusual in Newburyport. The house has a lean-to at the rear and possibly a later addition. This house has recently been rehabilitated and the present window sash and doorway date from this period.

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

Although this building dates from the eighteenth century the earliest owners have yet to be documented.

In 1851, Hector C. Brown is listed as the owner of this property. Brown was a watchman in the Bartlett Steam Mills. This is indicative of the change in Newburyport's economy from that relying on maritime interests to those of an industrial nature.

Before 1872 this property was acquired by John Woodman, a shoemaker.

At the turn of the twentieth century the house was owned by Ernest Foss who conveyed it to Melvin Brookings in 1906. In 1913 the property was left to Sarah P. Tenney who left it to Clara Osgood in 1938.

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