

FORM B - BUILDING

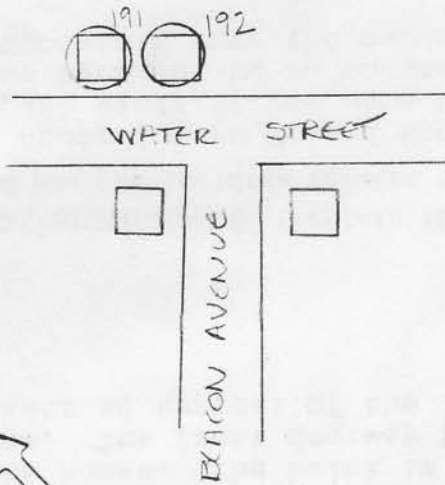
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 224 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 263 Water Street
 Historic Name _____
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: 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 Eighteenth Century
 Source _____
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric brick, shingles
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) front entrance altered (mid-nineteenth century)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,860 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of predominantly eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort
 Organization Office of Community Development
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is quite significant as it is the only house in the Joppa district that has a brick end. This house is simple in style, proportion and detail. The brick end is the most interesting feature of the house. The brick is corbelled between floors forming a belt course. The front doorway has been altered and presently has the brackets so typical of the late nineteenth century Victorian styles.

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

According to Roland Woodwell both this house and the one next door, 265 Water, Street were owned by the Goodwin family. The earliest owners have yet to be documented. During the nineteenth century however, the Goodwin's were the owners and occupants.

In 1872, the owner of the property was Mariner P. Goodwin. Goodwin was a shoemaker. Before 1884, the house was sold to Edward Sweeney, who owned the property until the 1920's.

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