

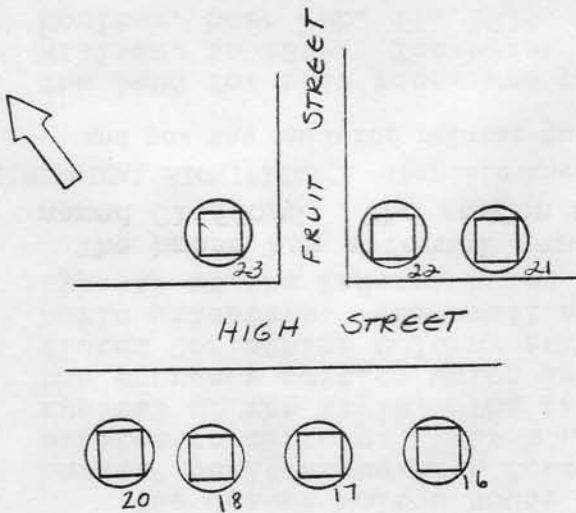
FORM B - BUILDING

Area A	Form no. 20
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



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



Newburyport  
Address 89-91 High Street  
Historic Name Joseph Moulton House  
Original Residence  
Present Residence  
Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization  
Public  
Original owner Joseph Moulton

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1810  
Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Houses"  
Style Federal  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
Outbuildings  
Major alterations (with dates) addition  
at rear (date unknown)  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. acreage 28,300 sq. ft.  
Setting on Newburyport's main  
thoroughfare noted for its excellent  
examples of domestic architecture  
dating from the Colonial period through  
the early 20th century.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwort  
 Organization Office of Community  
Development  
 Date 8-4-80

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

The Joseph Molton house is an excellent example of the "square houses" built along High Street during the early years of the nineteenth century. This house has the three story hipped roof form typical of the style. The modillioned cornice is exceptional as is the entrance portico which is original. The portico is supported by fluted Corinthian columns and the door itself is flanked by fluted Doric pilasters. The small square windows of the third story are typical of the Federal homes built by Newburyport's mercantile class.

The house has a formal garden laid out in 1840 by an English gardener named Clifford. The garden and garden house was recorded by HABS in 1936.

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

The land for this house was purchased by Joseph Moulton and his Son, William, in 1809. The house was built shortly thereafter. Joseph Moulton, born Feb. 17, 1814, the fifth descendent of William Moulton, who was established as a silversmith as early as 1690, was also in this trade. He had a jewelry shop at 14 and 16 Merrimac Street in 1851. He made and sold gold beads and silverware. He later had a shop in the brick building on the Southeasterly corner of State and Essex Streets.

William Moulton, son of Joseph, was in partnership with John E. Lunt, under the firm name of Moulton and Lunt. This firm dealt in jewelry and silver into this century.

This house was in the Moulton family until the 1940's. At that time Carolina M. Moulton, daughter of Joseph, left the property to Mary E. Whiting.

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