

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Newburyport

Address 1-3 Marlboro Street

Historic Name _____

Original Residence

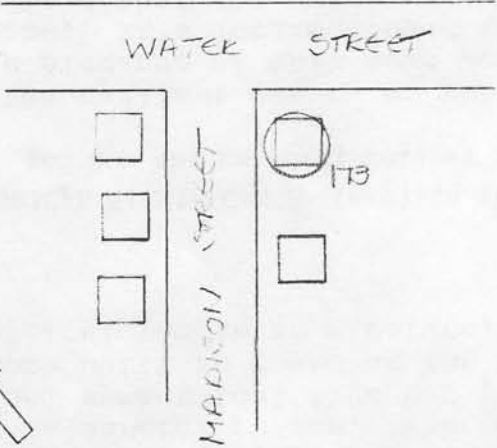
Present Residence

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 c. 1800

Source building fabric

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) three bays added to building (early nineteenth century)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5,147 sq. ft.

Setting in residential area of eighteenth century single family dwellings adjacent to the banks of the Merrimack River.

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

This house is unusual in that it is one of very few two story Federal buildings in Newburyport. The three story square Federal structure is far more common. The assymetrical facade of this house indicates that it was built in several phases. The three Eastern bays were probably added to an original symmetrical five bay Federal house. The Western doorway is typical of those built in homes at the turn of the nineteenth century. It resembles a classical temple in minature, pedimented and blanked by pilasters.

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

The earliest owners of this house have yet to be documented. The simple elegance of this home would indicate that it was built by a person of means. It's location near the banks of the Merrimack River lends one to believe that its owner was affiliated with the ocean-going trades or shipbuilding of the Joppa district.

By the third quarter of the nineteenth century much of the Joppa district was inhabited by shoeworkers and millworkers. In 1872, Samuel Brookings was the owner of 1 Marlboro Street. Brookings was a shoemaker. Brookings owned the property until his death prior to 1884.

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