

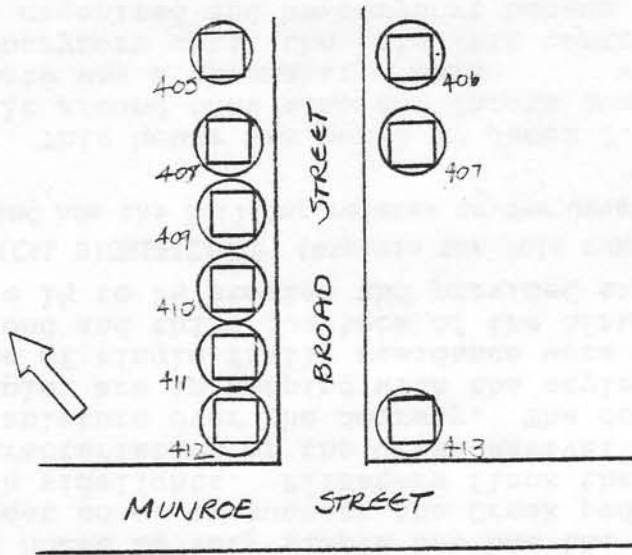
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	406

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



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



City Newburyport
 Address 17 Broad Street
 Historic Name _____
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1850
 Source _____
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 4,730 Sq. ft.

Recorded by Scott Ackerly
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 7/28/80

Setting Residential street of late 18th, 19th and 20th century houses.

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

This house is a vernacular example of the Greek Revival style. The house is very simple but has the gable of the roof facing the street so as to suggest the Greek pediment. The doorway is trabeated with sidelights. Pilasters flank the door itself. These are all characteristics of the Greek Revival as is the wide fascia in the entablature over the doorway. The cornerboards and cornice, while simple, are in keeping with the style. Numerous examples of this type of single family residence were built in Newburyport during the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century. These houses were 1½ to 2½ stories and provided excellent homes for those (cont.)

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

This house was owned by James J. Choate in 1851. It was probably built around that time and Choate could have been the original owner. Choate was a shoemaker. This was a popular cottage industry in Newburyport until the late 19th century. At that time the industry was organized and Newburyport became a major shoe manufacturing center. In 1872 the house was owned by Edwin Babson, a mariner. It remained in the Babson family until after 1924.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 406
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFANCE (CONTINUED)

involved with the shipbuilding or manufacturing industries which flourished during the nineteenth century.

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