

FORM B - BUILDING

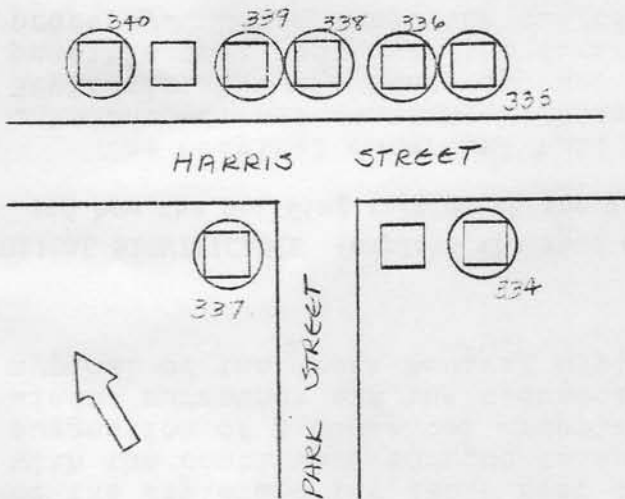
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 100 State Street, Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 2 Harris Street
 Historic Name William S. Dodge House
 Use: Original Residence
 Present Offices
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization Moseley Foundation for Social Servi
 Public in Newburyport
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840
 Source _____
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Facade - flush boards, clapboard
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 5,660 sq. ft.
 Setting Building is set back about 5 from Harris St., and is adjacent to the State St. Central Business District.

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

The William S. Dodge house is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style as manifested in a simple one-family home. Characteristic of the style are the gable roof oriented toward the street combined with the continuous cornice to suggest a Greek pediment. The simple suggestion of a classical order at the building's corners, the eared window surrounds and the classical treatment of the door are all typical of the Greek Revival Style.

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

The original owner and builder of the house at 2 Harris St., is unknown. It was owned by William S. Dodge, house carpenter, in 1851. Stylistically, the house appears to have been built c. 1840. It is quite possible that Dodge was the first owner as well as the builder of the property. Dodge owned the building until at least 1872.

After World War II, 2 Harris St., was purchased by the estate of Mrs. Julia M. Moseley through the William Oxnard Moseley Foundation. In 1923 the Moseley Foundation for Social Services opened its "Community House" in the building. Community House was established to operate the Moseley Dental Clinic, Health Center and Welfare Service. In 1932, an eye clinic for underprivileged children was added to the services offered at 2 Harris St. The Moseley Foundation and its voluntary social service agencies continue to occupy the building.

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