

FORM B - BUILDING

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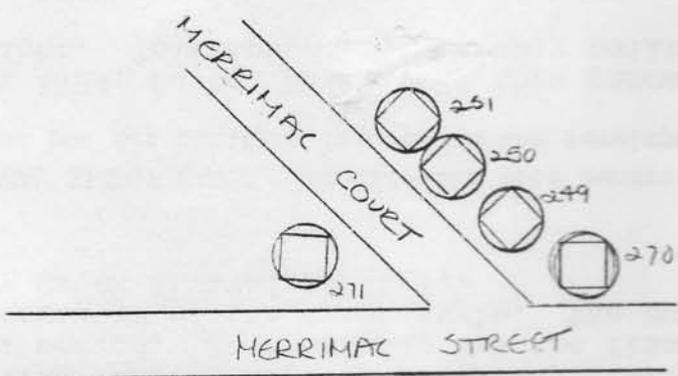
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport
 Address 2 Merrimac Court
 Historic Name Timothy Remick House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Timothy Remick

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date Mid-Eighteenth Century
 Source Essex County Registry of Deeds
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Shed
 Major alterations (with dates) Building remodeled (mid-nineteenth century)



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 12-27-80

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 12,500 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings on the banks of the Merrimack River.

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

This two story house with pitched roof and symmetrical five bay facade had elements of both the Georgian and Greek Revival styles. The house was originally built during the mid-eighteenth century. This is evident in the central chimney and the front entrance in a pedimented projecting central bay. The doorway itself was altered during the Greek Revival period. It presently has the flanking sidelights and pilasters characteristic of the Greek style. The building's cornerboards are also clearly Greek Revival in style.

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

In 1734, Rachel Poore sold this parcel of land to Timothy Remick, shipwright. This house was probably built shortly thereafter.

In 1818 Caleb Brown, blacksmith purchased this house. Brown owned several other properties in the Merrimac Court area. This was the most important shipbuilding district on the banks of the Merrimack River throughout the nineteenth century. There was a blacksmith shop in the rear of the property. J. O. W. Brown sold it to W. Goodwin. In 1872 the shop was owned by Joseph C. Adams shipsmith.

The house was sold to John Currier, shipbuilder, of the adjacent shipyard, who owned it for several years.

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