

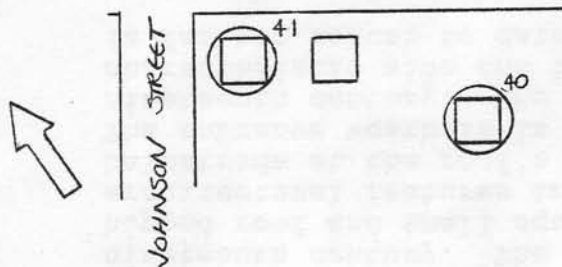
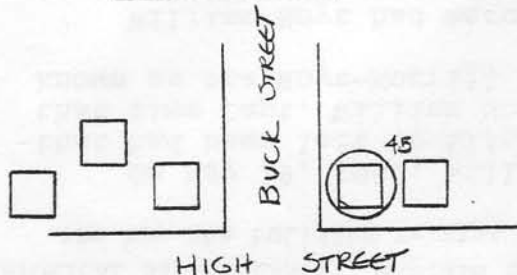
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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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.



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwalt
Organization Office of Community Development
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Newburyport
Address 209 High Street
Historic Name Hoyt-Morrill House
Original Residence
Present Residence
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
Original owner William Hoyt

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1806
Source Currier, "History of Nbpt." Vol. 2
Style Federal
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings Barn

Major alterations (with dates) addition at rear, porch addition, entrance porch added (dates unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 20,977 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.

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

This house is a fine example of the three story Federal mansions built by Newburyport's mercantile class during the early years of the nineteenth century. The house has the characteristic Federal form with hipped roof and small square windows on the third floor. Exceptional architectural features in the building are the modillioned cornice, the balustrade at the roof's hip and the delicately detailed window lintels. The entrance vestibule is a fine example of workmanship dating from mid-nineteenth century. The doorway is Greek Revival in character with the characteristic side and transom lights. The balustrade above the vestibule is far too robust to date from the Federal period.

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

On May 19, 1806, William Hoyt purchased about four acres of land that had been left to Elizabeth Hoyt by her father Joseph Hoyt. At that time Capt. William Hoyt proceeded to erect the house presently known as the Hoyt-Morrill House.

William Hoyt had mercantile interests and had financial problems in 1812. He made assignment of his property to William Woart and the shipbuilder Orlando B. Merrill of Newbury. In 1813 this property and house was conveyed to Capt. David Stickney of Newburyport. Stickney purchased a public bathing house in Newburyport in 1814.

Stickney died in 1820. In 1826 his widow married Rev. Henry C. Wright. He was the pastor of the First Parish Church and Society in West Newbury. In 1832 the property was sold to Amos Noyes. The property was later owned briefly by Joseph W. Hale of Bangor, Maine, who sold it to Henry W. Kinsman in 1836. Kinsman was the customs collector. He lived in the house until his death December 4, 1859.

The Kinsman heirs conveyed the property to Capt. George L. Rogers, Master Mariner, in 1862.

Subsequent owners of the house include the heirs of George L. Rogers, Emily Harwood of Boston, Cyrus Stevens of Newburyport and Frank T. Morrill.

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