

FORM B - BUILDING

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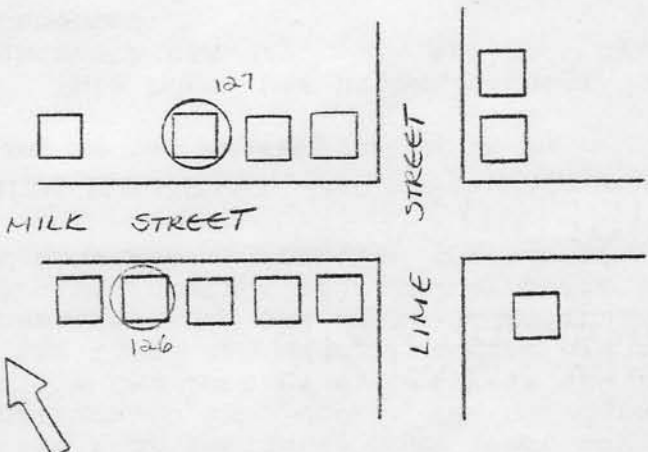


City Newburyport  
 Address 25 Milk Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date Eighteenth Century  
 Source \_\_\_\_\_

Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_



Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Approx. acreage 8,560 sq. ft.  
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Architecturally, this house is worthy of note for several reasons. The overall form of the house is Georgian but the change in the pitch of the roof indicates that there may have been several periods of construction involved in the building of this house. This could also explain the lack of symmetry in the facade of the house. The windows in the first and second stories are not in line with each other. The fenestration is otherwise Georgian in character. The doorway is also Georgian in style, flanked by Doric pilasters and surmounted by a simple yet classically inspired entablature.

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 probably built during the third quarter of the eighteenth century. The earliest owners of the house have yet to be documented.

Before 1851 the house was occupied by Joseph Griffith. Griffith was a shoemaker. Shoemaking evolved from a cottage industry to a major economic force in the city of Newburyport between 1860 and 1880. People involved in this developing industry found housing in many of Newburyport's neighborhoods including the South End.

Joseph Griffith owned this house for several decades.

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