

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no. 411
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



City Newburyport  
 Address 26 Broad Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Moses Coffin

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

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1800

Source Emery, "Memories of a Nonagenarian"

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

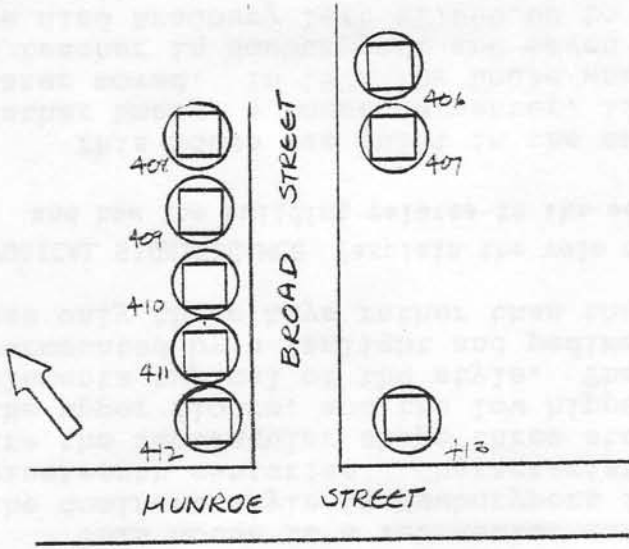
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

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

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 11,300 sq. ft.

Setting Residential neighborhood with houses from the late 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.



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 Organization Office of Community Development  
 Date 7/23/80

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

This house is a vernacular example of the Federal style. This was the dominant style in Newburyport in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Characteristic elements of the style in this house are the rectangular shape three stories with decreasing window size in the upper floors, and the low hipped roof. The doorway has the classical elements typical of the style. These include pilasters flanking the door surmounted by a fanlight and pediment. This house is unusual in that it has only three bays rather than the characteristic five bays. (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 built in the early 1800's by Moses Coffin whose father Emery, a house carpenter, lived across the street where Moses later moved. In 1872 the house was owned by J. M. Bradbury who was a teacher in Newburyport and moved to Boston to become a banker. When he died Bradbury left \$1,000.00 to the Newburyport Public Library. Theophilus Bradbury, a local policeman, lived in the house in 1884. In 1924 it was owned by Clara L. Morse.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

The side fenestration is also unusual and has probably been altered since the original date of construction.

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