

FORM B - BUILDING

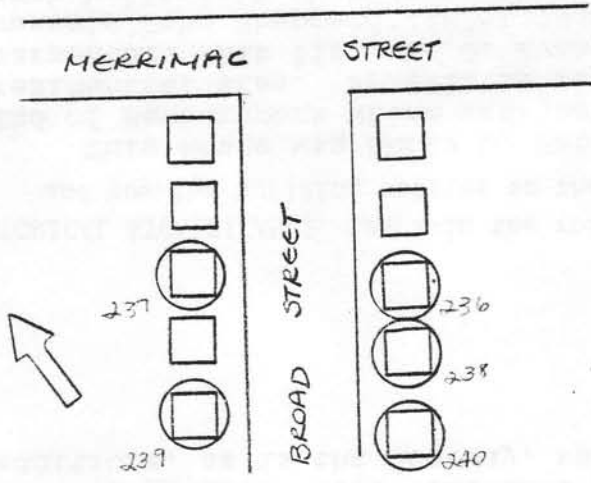
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 3-5 Broad Street
 Historic Name Benjamin Pilsbury House
 Type: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Benjamin Pilsbury

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1803
 Source Merrill, "North End Papers"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) Back addition and right side porch (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 8,710 sq. ft.
 Setting Residential street of houses built during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

Recorded by Scott Ackerly
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 7/28/80

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

This is a vernacular example of the Federal style. The elements characteristic of the style are the rectangular shape, narrow windows, and low pitched roof. The side porch and rear section are later additions, as is the doorway, which is a twentieth century reproduction.

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 by Benjamin Pilsbury about 1803 in the North End of Newburyport which was just beginning to be developed as a residential area. By 1851 it was owned by Winthrop O. Evans, a ship-carpenter. His firm, W. O. Evans and Company, did the joining for the vessels "John Sheppard" (1875), "Harrison G. Johnson" (1877), the largest bark built in Newburyport, the "Augusta", and others. The company stayed in business as long as ships were built in the city. Mr. Evans was a representative to the Massachusetts General Court in 1859 and a city alderman from ward six in 1862.

Sometime after 1872 the house was owned by John Carter. Shortly thereafter it was conveyed to a Mrs. Downs who converted it into a double tenement. This was undoubtedly the result of changes in the neighborhood caused by the introduction of textile mills and shoe factories. Housing was needed for the employees of both of these industries and boarding houses and multiple family dwellings became more common during this period. In 1906 3-5 Broad Street was owned by Sam Pilsbury, 3rd. Annie Roberts owned the property in 1924.

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