

FORM B - BUILDING

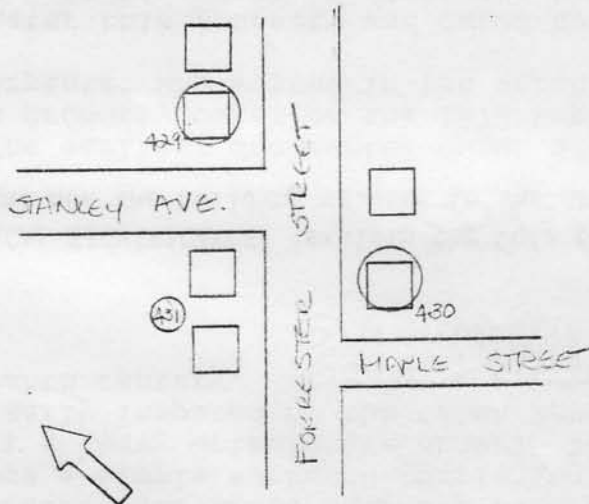
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport
 Address 32 Forrester Street
 Historic Name _____
 Type: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date Eighteenth Century
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) front entrance has been altered (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 6,520 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of primarily nineteenth and twentieth century homes.

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

This two story dwelling with hipped roof and symmetrical five bay facade was probably built during the late eighteenth century. The fenestration and front entrance have been altered. Presently the front door has a simple surround consisting of pilasters which flank the door and support a heavy entablature above. This doorway, though vernacular in style, was clearly inspired by the Greek Revival style popular during the mid-nineteenth century.

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

The earliest documented owner of this house is Samuel Somerby, noted as the property owner on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. Somerby was a shipcarpenter who worked in the North End shipyard.

Later this property was owned by John A. Currier, of the shipbuilding family. At his death, he left the house to his wife, Sarah M. Currier. She sold the house to Sarah Dunn in 1927.

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