

FORM B - BUILDING

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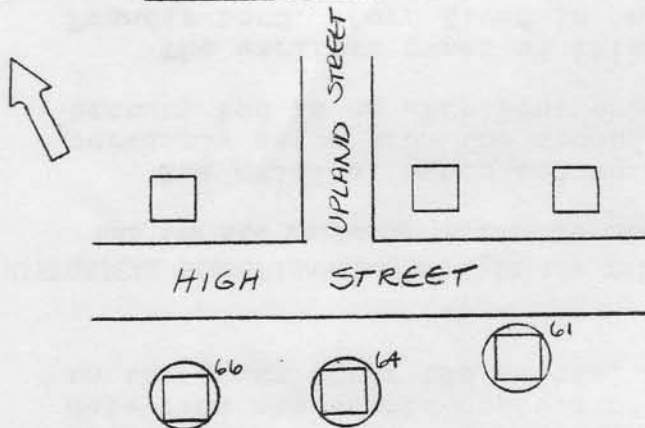
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport

Address 349 High Street
 Historic Name Francis Lord House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 18th Century
 Source _____
 Style Colonial
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) addition
at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 10,800 sq. ft.
 Setting on Newburyport's main
thoroughfare noted for its excellent
example of domestic architecture
dating from the Colonial period thro
the early 20th century.

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 Development
 Date 08-17-80

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

This house is one of the earlier houses built on High Street. Stylistically the house could have been built as early as the second quarter of the eighteenth century. The large central chimney, the nine lights over six in the double hung window sash and the heavy architrave surrounding the windows are all indicative of an early construction date. The entrance porch of the front door could easily date from the second quarter of this century. It may have been added to the house after the initial construction period.

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

The original owner and builder of this house are unknown. It certainly dates from the second or third quarter of the eighteenth century and is an excellent example of the large home of the period.

The earliest owner of this house that has been documented is Francis Lord. Lord lived in the house in 1872 and stayed there until at least 1884. Lord was a blacksmith and his blacksmith shop was located on the lot adjacent to the house.

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