

FORM B - BUILDING

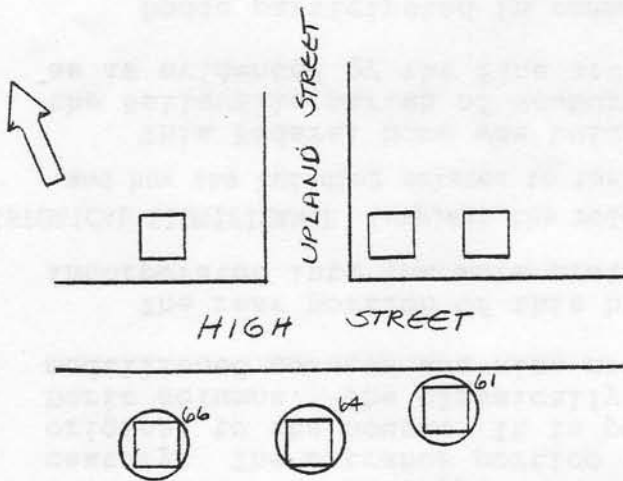
Area A	Form no. 64
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 357 High Street
 Historic Name Dodge-Cutting House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Robert Dodge

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800
 Source Howells, "Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack"
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) Cupola added, additions at rear (dates unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 9,900 sq. ft.
 Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 8-17-80

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

This three story Federal period home has some excellent features of that style. The form of the building is the same as many of the homes built in Newburyport during the early years of the nineteenth century. The entrance portico is exceptional, however, and is apparently original to the house. It is pedimented and is supported by fluted Doric columns. The classically inspired window lintels and the modillioned cornice are also noteworthy features.

The rear portion of this house may have been an earlier structure incorporated into the more pretentious Federal home. The doorway on

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

This Federal home was built by Robert Dodge, a chaisemaker in the Belleville parish of Newbury. Dodge was of considerable fortune as is evidenced by the fine architectural detail in his home.

Dodge participated in community affairs and in 1806 and 1808 he was appointed one of the fire-wards for Engine No. 1. In 1800 he made a donation for the burial ground next to St. Anne's Chapel. In 1814 he was one of those that signed a petition to the General Court in opposition to the restrictive trade regulations which had been passed by the Congress.

By the early 1900's the house had passed into the family of Charles Cutting. Cutting and his heirs owned the property until 1953. In that year it was sold and converted into a nursing home named Cutting Manor Nursing Home. In 1971 the house was converted back into a single family residence.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newburyport	Form No: 64
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

the Eastern side of the house possibly dates from the mid-eighteenth century.

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