

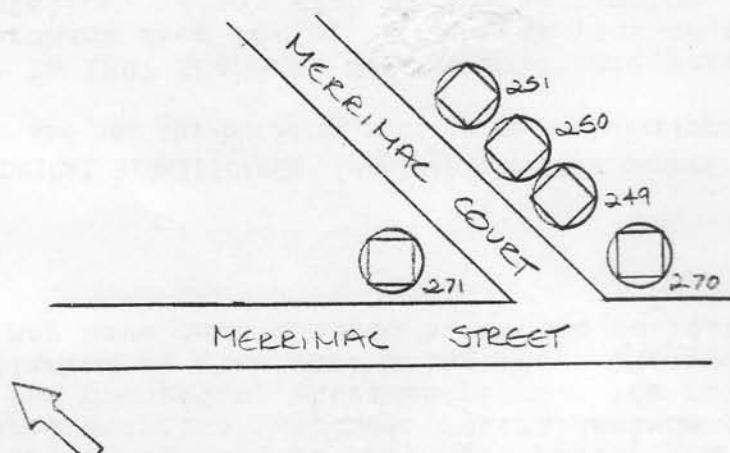
FORM B - BUILDING

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



Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community Development
 Date 12-27-80

City Newburyport
 Address 8 Merrimac Court
 Historic Name Longfellow-Jackman House
 Type: Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Jonathan Longfellow

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1808
 Source Essex County Registry of Deeds
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) additions on eastern and northern sides (date unknown)
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 9,568 sq. ft.
 Setting in residential area of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwelling on the banks of the Merrimack River.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This house was built shortly after the turn of the nineteenth century. Although it was built during the Federal period, the house has several Georgian features. These include the symmetrical five bay facade and the projecting entrance porch. The porch is pedimented and the door is flanked by classical pilasters. The roofline of this house is unusual and may have been changed after the building's original construction.

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

In 1807 Ebenezer Savory sold this parcel of land to Jonathan Longfellow, a merchant from Rowley. The next year he sold the property to Stephen Longfellow, yeoman with the house thercon.

In 1828, George W. Jackman acquired the house. The Jackman family built ships in a yard at the foot of Forrester Street between 1822 and 1874.

Also in residence at the time was George H. Jackman, also a shipcarpenter.

This house remained in the Jackman family until the late nineteenth century.

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