

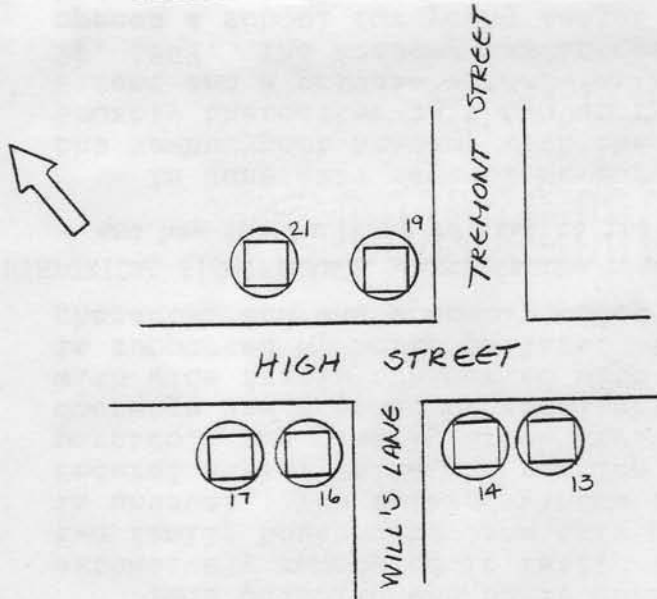
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



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Newburyport  
Address 83-85 High Street  
Historic Name Osgood-Rogers House  
Original Newburyport Academy  
Present Residence  
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
 Public  
Original owner Newburyport Academy

DESCRIPTION:  
Date 1807  
Source Currier, "History of Nbpt"  
Style Federal  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Brick  
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
Major alterations (with dates) converted to two family dwelling (1842)  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. acreage 1.60 acres  
Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building was built during the Federal period and was extensively remodeled in 1842. The Greek Revival elements of the two family house date from this period. Architecturally, the house is unusual. The splayed window lintels are a feature of the earlier Federal style, while the cornice with wide fascia and the doors and portico, are clearly Greek Revival in character and detail. The doorways are flanked by sidelights and Doric pilasters. The portico, with wide fascia ornamented with a typical Greek Revival wreath motif is supported by Doric pillars. The cupola is also Greek Revival in character and was probably added in 1842.

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

In June 1807 several Newburyport residents were incorporated as the Newburyport Academy with the power to purchase and hold real estate. Shortly thereafter this two story brick building was erected on High Street and a private school for boys and girls opened there on October 20, 1807. The Academy was in operation until 1840 when Elias Nason opened a school for young ladies in the upper story and Ebenezer Savory had a school for boys in the lower story of the academy. In 1842 the academy building was sold to John Osgood and Charles J. Brockway and was converted into a dwelling house for two families.

Charles Brockway was the treasurer of the James Steam Mills and also served on the common council from Ward 3 in 1851. John Osgood was a merchant and contributed to numerous community efforts including the Newburyport Howard Benevolent Society and the Newburyport Public Library..

In 1872 the house was inhabited by John Osgood and Miss Mary Bartlet. In 1939 the property was conveyed to Howard W. Rogers.

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