

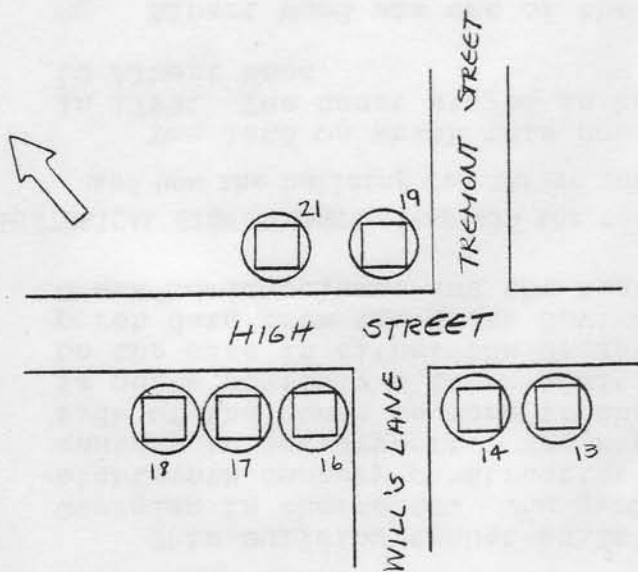
FORM B - BUILDING

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



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



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Newburyport  
Address 87 High Street  
Historic Name Greenleaf-Wood House  
Original Residence  
Present Residence  
Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization  
 Public  
Original owner Ebenezer Greenleaf

DESCRIPTION:  
Date 1799  
Source Hale, "Old Newburyport Houses"  
Style Georgian  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
Outbuildings Coach house  
Major alterations (with dates) doorway altered, porch added (mid 19th century)  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. acreage 31,320 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.

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

This building though built during the Federal period is Georgian in character. The gambrel roof, often indicative of a mid-eighteenth century construction date persists into the nineteenth century in Newburyport. The hipped roof addition on the Southeast side of the house is more in character with the period of the house and is quite possibly a later addition. The house is symmetrical as should be the case in either the Georgian or Federal period. The doorway and porch date from the Greek Revival period as is evidenced by the fluted Greek Doric columns and the heavy entablature above. The door itself is

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

The land on which this house sits was acquired by Ebenezer Greenleaf in 1795. The house stayed in the family until 1839 when it was conveyed to Albert Wood.

Albert Wood was one of the owners of the steam propelled ship Decatur, built by Stephen Jackman, Jr. The vessel made its first trip from Newburyport to Boston on April 21, 1845 with Joseph Bartlett as master. The house was passed on to Albert's heirs in 1871 and the house remained in the Wood family until 1926. At that time it was purchased by Katharine D. Hale.

Albert Hale, author of "Old Newburyport Houses" owned the house from 1930 until 1945, the date of his death.

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