

FORM B - BUILDING

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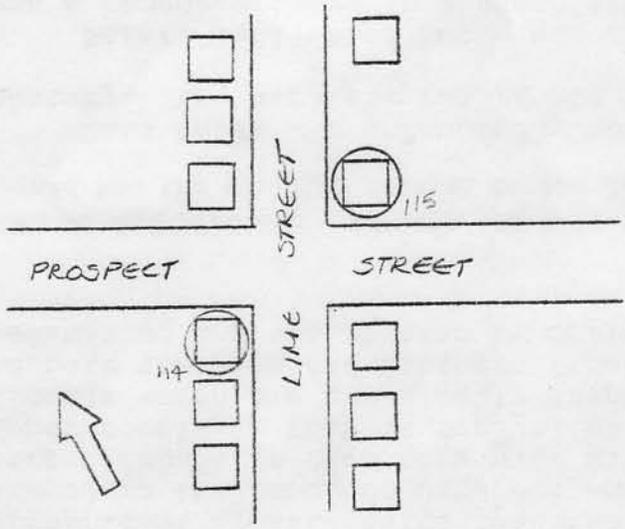
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport
 Address 77 Lime Street/91 Prospect St.
 Historic Name Pettingill-Huse House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1800
 Source _____
 Style Federal
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 7,940 sq. ft.
 Setting in densely built up area in which the predominant building type is that of eighteenth century single family dwellings.



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

This three story Federal house with hipped roof has several significant architectural features. The way in which the house is shaped to the lines of Prospect and Lime Streets is unusual. The Prospect Street facade is five bays wide with decreasing window size in the upper stories. This is typical of the Federal style, as are the window lintels which are classically inspired. The enclosed entrance porches on both the Lime and Prospect Street facades are exceptional. They are pedimented and are flanked by Doric columns.

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

This house was undoubtedly built around the turn of the nineteenth century. The earliest owners are unknown, however.

Before 1851, this house was acquired by Amos Pettingill. Pettingill was a ropemaker, probably associated with the maritime trades.

In 1872, this house was owned by Thomas Huse. Thomas was a partner in the grocery business, Ralph C. Huse and Company. The business was located at 129 Water Street.

In 1884 the house was owned by Mrs. Huse and the house remained in the Huse family until 1932 when a descendent, also named Thomas Huse, sold the property to Lillian A. Lunt.

This house has recently been remodeled and is presently divided into five apartments.

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