

FORM B - BUILDING

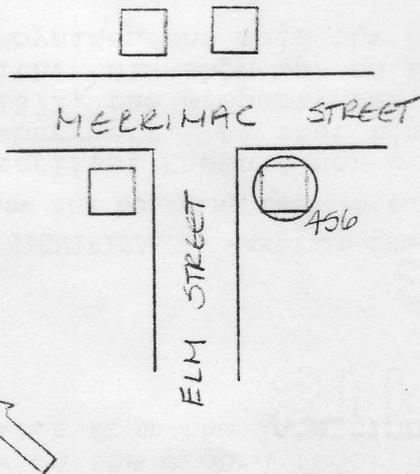
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Boston, MA 02108



City Newburyport  
 Address 165 Merrimac Street  
 Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use: Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Unknown

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date Eighteenth Century  
 Source Building Fabric  
 Style Georgian  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major alterations (with dates) doorways and fenestration have been altered, shed dormer added, (dates unknown)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 5,520 sq. ft.  
 Setting in area of mixed residential use along the banks of the Merrimac River.

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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Although this house dates from the eighteenth century much of the architectural detail dates from the late nineteenth century. The house is two and a half stories in height with a gambrel wide low roof. The Merrimac Street facade was probably originally symmetrical with five bays. The window on the ground floor have been altered and the present bracketed doorway dates from the late nineteenth century.

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

The earliest known owner of this building is that noted on the 1851 Map of Newburyport. At that time Abraham Williams was the proprietor. Prior to 1872, the property was sold to Patrick Moynihan. Moynihan was a blacksmith. His shop was on Elm Street. In 1902 the property was willed to Ellen Moynihan who sold the house in 1923.

Today this building is divided into three dwelling units.

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