

FORM B - BUILDING

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Newburyport

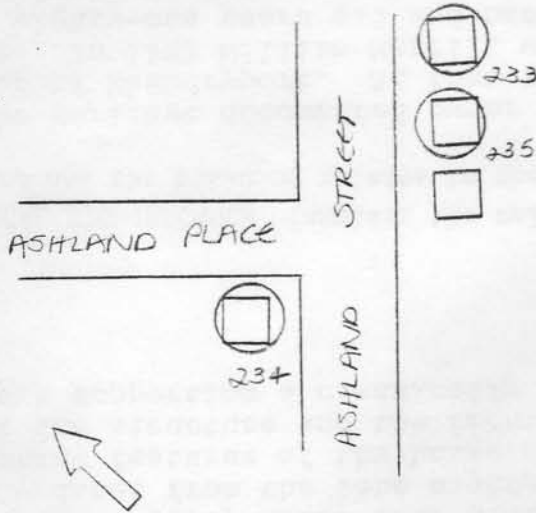
Address 18 Ashland Street
 Historic Name William Merrill House
 Original Residence
 Present Residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Unknown

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1800
 Source Building Fabric
 Style Georgian
 Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Shed



Major alterations (with dates) lean
added at rear (date unknown)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 16,500 sq. ft.

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt
 Organization Office of Community
Development
 Date 12-28-80

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 two story house with pitched roof, symmetrical five bay facade probably dates from the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century. Interesting features of the house include a lean-to that was added to the rear of the structure and the front entrance. The door is flanked by pilasters supporting a classically inspired entablature above.

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 documented owner of this house is that noted on the 1872 Map of Newburyport. At that time the property owner was William Merrill. In 1881 William Merrill was the city's oldest ship carpenter. He was eighty-one years old and had been employed as a foreman by John J. Currier, Jr. throughout his shipbuilding career.

Prior to 1922 this house was acquired by Joseph Knapp who sold it to Charles L. Crocker in that year.

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