

FORM B - BUILDING

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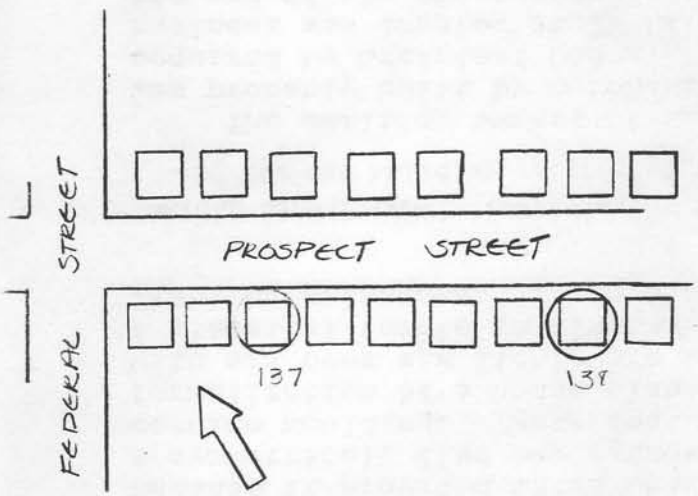
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Boston MA 02108



Newburyport
Address 70-72 Prospect Street
Historic Name Greenleaf Dodge House
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
Style Georgian
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings
Major alterations (with dates) ell added, side porch added (dates unknown)
Moved _____ Date _____
Approx. acreage 18,660 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 two story gambrel roofed home is typical of many built in Newburyport during the eighteenth century. The gambrel roof was favored because it provided extra headroom in the attic story. This house has a symmetrical, five bay facade and classically inspired window lintels and cornice moulding. These features became popular with the Georgian formalization of a house plan and facade. The double hung window sash with six over six lights are also typically Georgian. The doorway resembles a classical temple in miniature. It is in a projecting central bay with flanking pilasters. It is also pedimented.

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 owners of this house have yet to be documented. It was probably built by merchant or seaman. By 1851, the house had been acquired by Greenleaf Dodge. Dodge was a house carpenter. In 1872 his business was located at 25 Liberty Street. Dodge lived in this house until the end of the nineteenth century.

Early twentieth century owners include Ernest Foss who conveyed the property to Sarah Peabody in 1913.

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