

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 36-40 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Francis Haggerty OWNER OCCUPIED no
 2) HISTORIC NAME site of the Protective Union Store
 3) CURRENT NAME same
 4) PROPERTY TYPE undeveloped 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B-1
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS delinquent since 1977 STATUS land court
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE not applicable
 SOURCE n/a
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER not applicable
 3) HISTORIC OWNER n/a
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF not applicable UF not applicable
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1850-1930; ca. 1930-1976
 SOURCE document: 1850, 1975 map 1924, 1936 atlases

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE not applicable
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF undeveloped
 UF n/a
 3) NO OF STORIES n/a
 4) PROP SQ FT 3743
 5) PLAN n/a
 6) ROOF n/a
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
n/a
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
n/a
 FACADE n/a
 TRIM n/a
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



ADDRESS 36-40 ADAMS STREET

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC not applicable
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES not applicable
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF n/a
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING detracts from character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

None.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Two buildings were built on this site between 1845 and 1850. One, on the Adams Street side of the site, was called the Protective Union Store (see Research Report on 160-170 Middlesex Street).

By 1879 the Adams Street building had been removed and the Fletcher Street building extended to cover the entire triangle of the property. Like many of the buildings in the Acre in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, this building housed a number of dwelling units with separate street addresses. The building was held by the Richardson family at the turn of the century (pre-1896 to post-1906).

In approximately 1930, a gas station replaced the previous buildings on the site. The gas station was torn down after 1975.

Sources

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1926, 1936 atlases. 1850, 1975 maps.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This triangular corner lot has recently been cleared of the building shown on the 1975 map. The lot contains litter, some stones which are perhaps footings or foundation remnants and sandy fill.

There is potential for the recovery of archeological remains on the site. These could relate to the commercial and domestic use of the site since 1850, though the gas station which occupied the site ca. 1930-1975 probably obliterated any earlier remains.