

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

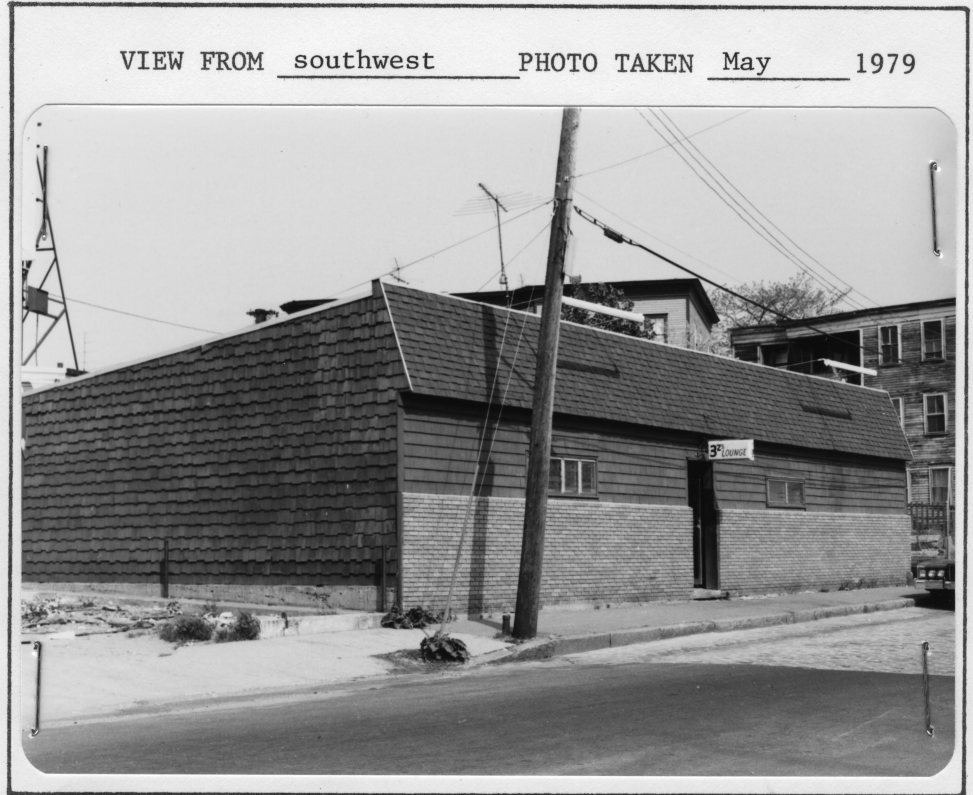
IDENTIFICATION 42 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11  
1) CURRENT OWNER Theresa Zeogas OWNER OCCUPIED no  
2) HISTORIC NAME site of the Hugh Cumiskey House  
3) CURRENT NAME 3 Z's Lounge  
4) PROPERTY TYPE commercial 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1  
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear  
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1965-70  
SOURCE estimated  
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown  
3) HISTORIC OWNER unknown  
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF commercial UF n/a  
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1855-1960  
SOURCE circumstantial: 1879, 1936 atlases

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 20th C. comm. vernacular  
2) PRESENT USE:  
GF commercial  
UF n/a  
3) NO OF STORIES 1  
4) PROP SQ FT 2465  
5) PLAN rectangular  
6) ROOF shed  
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM  
metal frame  
8) OUTBUILDINGS  
none  
9) MATERIALS:  
FOUNDATION  
concrete



FACADE front: buff brick veneer ; all sides ; wood shingle  
TRIM none

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC good
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric  
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, residential, recreational
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING detracts from character (see info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This mid-twentieth century commercial vernacular building has a pseudo-mansard roof. There are staggered shingles on the sides and brick and regular shingling on the front.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The building originally on this site was probably built in the 1850s. Other sites on Adams Street were being developed at that time. It was a small building divided, in a fashion typical of the Acre, into even smaller dwelling units, numbered 6, 8, 12 and 16 Adams Street.

Number 8 in this building was for many years the residence of Hugh Cumiskey, a leader in the early Irish community. It was Mr. Cumiskey who walked the first group of Irish immigrants to Lowell from Charlestown in 1822 and arranged for them to work digging canals. Thereafter he continued to contract with the mills to provide unskilled Irish laborers. He also sold goods on Merrimack Street. In 1832 Mr. Cumiskey was appointed a constable. He is the only Irishman deemed worthy of listing in the 1832 directory although hundreds had settled here by then.

Sources

Research report on the Acre.

1850 map.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

1832 directory.

O'Dwyer, The Irish Catholic Genesis in Lowell.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity on this site occurred in the 1850s. There is limited potential for the recovery of archeological remains from that period on this site because the yard is very small and because the ground was surely disturbed in the 1960s during the construction of the present building.