

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 123-129 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER Thomas McNabb OWNER OCCUPIED no
2) HISTORIC NAME T. Mahoney Building
3) CURRENT NAME same
4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1910-1915
SOURCE circumstantial: 1924 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER J. Mahoney (1924)
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1846-1950
SOURCE circumstantial: 1850 map; 1936 atlas

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE late 19th C. Vernacular
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 3
4) PROP SQ FT 5120
5) PLAN rectangular
6) ROOF flat
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
8) OUTBUILDINGS
three car garage
9) MATERIALS:
FOUNDATION
stone, ashlar granite
FACADE all sides: asphalt imitation stone
TRIM wood
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs major repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF major but revers changes
UF major but revers changes
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions &/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING compatible with character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This simple early twentieth century building draws upon a multi-family building form which was constructed frequently in the Acre at the time. Polygonal bay windows and porches consitute the chief elaboration of the plan.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This site was purchased in 1846 by John F. Manahan (a carpenter) of S. T. and J. F. Manahan Company, from the Locks and Canals Company. (Northern Middlesex Registry 45:499). It was probably Manahan who laid out Franklin Court which forms the southern boundary of this site, building two small houses on either side to form a residential lane. The two on the north side were owned in 1850 by Mr. Chase. Each house contained two dwelling units. A number of those small courts were built in the Acre at that time (see Research Report on 1 Marion Street).

In addition Manahan probably built the house which previously stood on the corner at Adams and LaGrange Streets and which was owned in 1850 by Mr. Walker. This corner house was replaced ca. 1910-1915 by the present building.

The two small houses facing Franklin Court remained on the site after 1936, but they were removed in perhaps 1950.

Sources

1850 map.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

1851 directory.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity occurred on this site just after 1846. Archeological remains which could be recovered from the side yard would relate to the subsequent domestic use of the site.