

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 266 WORTHEN STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Hellenic Orthodox Church of Lowell OWNER OCCUPIED yes
 2) HISTORIC NAME A Locks and Canals House
 3) CURRENT NAME Orthodox Youth Center
 4) PROPERTY TYPE single-family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B3
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS exempt STATUS clear
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1850
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1850 map
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER Locks and Canals
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
 SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Italianate - Greek Revival
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF institutional
 UF institutional
 3) NO OF STORIES 2½
 4) PROP SQ FT 8,462
 5) PLAN L-shaped
 6) ROOF facade gable
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
granite
 FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
 TRIM wood
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC. needs minor repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact with evolutionary alterations
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, residential, recreational, institutional
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

266 Worthen Street is a frame dwelling of L-shaped plan. The Worthen Street side of the building features a facade gable projecting from the center of a main, end-gable block. An L-shaped addition projects from the rear of the main block. The structure's massing is defined by corner boards, and the windows are simply enframed by wooden boards. The facade gable has eaves returns, while the main block features fully enframed end-wall gables. A side door and several rear windows are boarded up.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A building of rectangular plan first appears on this site in 1850. The Locks and Canals Co. owned this property in 1850, and retained ownership through 1906. Presumably, this structure housed an employee, or employees, of the Locks and Canals.

This building first shows an L-shaped outline on the 1879 atlas. On the 1896 atlas, the projecting Worthen Street facade gable can be distinguished for the first time. On the 1906 atlas, a square frame stable appears on the southeastern corner of the lot. This stable reappears on the 1924 atlas.

The Greek Orthodox Community of Lowell owned this building in 1924 and today it remains the property of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Lowell.

Sources

1841, 1850 Lowell maps.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924 Lowell atlases.

Lowell directories.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This frame structure has been located on this site since ca. 1850. Archeological remains in the surrounding yard would probably relate to the subsequent domestic use of the site.