

# LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 218 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11  
 1) CURRENT OWNER William and Mary Spanos OWNER OCCUPIED no  
 2) HISTORIC NAME F. O. Morris Building  
 3) CURRENT NAME same  
 4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1  
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS delinquent since 1978 STATUS tax title  
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

## HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1890-1895  
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1896 atlas  
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown  
 3) HISTORIC OWNER F. O. Morris (1896, 1906)  
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential  
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1860-1890's  
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1879, 1896 atlases

## DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 20th C. res. vernacular  
 2) PRESENT USE:  
 GF residential  
 UF residential  
 3) NO OF STORIES 3  
 4) PROP SQ FT 3262  
 5) PLAN rectangular  
 6) ROOF flat  
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM  
wood frame  
 8) OUTBUILDINGS  
none  
 9) MATERIALS:  
 FOUNDATION  
rubble stone

VIEW FROM south PHOTO TAKEN May 1979



FACADE all sides: wood clapboard

TRIM wood

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS paved areas

ADDRESS 218 ADAMS STREET

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs minor repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES not applicable
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric  
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is a simple late-nineteenth century multiple residence, with one oriel on the street side. Access to the three levels is gained from stairs and porches on the right side. The broad cornice has been slightly embellished with a frieze board and small brackets.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first building was constructed on this site in approximately 1860. The current building appears on the 1896 atlas and was probably constructed ca. 1890-1895. The owner was F. O. Morris, who maintained ownership through at least 1906.

Sources

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases; 1850 map.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity occurred on this site in approximately 1860. Archeological remains which could be recovered from the rear yard would relate to the subsequent domestic use of the site.