

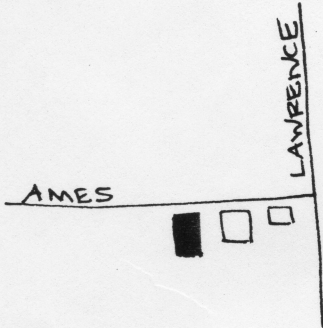
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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Area	Form no.
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XVI-23A (181)	



Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Lowell

Address 23 Ames Street

Historic Name Richmond House

Original Residential

Present Residential

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Perez O. Richmond

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1840

Source deed research

Style Federalist

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric coursed rubblestone

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

new sash

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage less than one

Setting Urban Residential; unusual

siting

Recorded by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen

Organization DPD Architectural Survey

Date 1/81

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Although approximately a dozen single family rubblestone houses stand in Lowell, this is the only example in this section of the city. The five bay central entrance house is constructed of course rubblestone probably obtained from canal beds. Fluted columns support an entrance portico. Granite is employed for window trim.

Early descriptions of the property cite it as fronting on Lawrence Street; there is no evidence of an entrance on the east side, however.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Although Perez O. Richmond erected this house by 1841, he is not listed as residing in this area until 1852. Richmond came to Lowell from Providence, Rhode Island in 1834. Two years later, he established a paper and cotton batting manufactory at a nearby site on the Concord River which was very successful. After Richmond's death in 1854, his son Charles took over the business. It is possible he resided here, according to directory references.

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