

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Lowell

Address 324 Andover StreetHistoric Name Jacob Currier HouseOriginal residencePresent residenceOwnership: ☐ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Jacob Currier (?)

DESCRIPTION:

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

Date ca. 1901Source map and directoriesStyle Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

facade altered: mid-20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than oneSetting residentialRecorded by Elizabeth Durfee HengenOrganization DPD Architectural SurveyDate 3/81

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

324 Andover is representative of the late 19th century Andover Street residences in style and scale. Located across from the Butler estate, 324 Andover is the only Colonial Revival to adopt the lean-to plan. The bot front has a center portico and corner pilasters. Roof dormers alternate segmental and broken scroll pediments.

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

Descended from an early Amesbury family, Jacob B. Currier (b. 1829) was living here by 1902. Currier came to Lowell in 1848 where he was employed by the woodworking division of the Lowell Carpet Corporation. From 1859-62, in partnership with A.J. Simpson, he manufactured barometers. By 1864 Currier was engaged in the coffin and casket business which he continued for over 40 years.

Among the inventions credited to Currier are the Currier Telephone Individual Electric Bell (ca. 1863) and the Currier system of counting ballots, used in both Lowell and Boston in the late 19th century.

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