

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 70-78 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Charles and Athena Stylos OWNER OCCUPIED no
 2) HISTORIC NAME The Abodeely Building
 3) CURRENT NAME same
 4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1906-1910
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1924 atlas
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER F. N. Abodeely (1924)
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1855-1960
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1879, 1936 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 4824
 5) PLAN rectangular
 6) ROOF low pitched facade gable
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
shed
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
f:granite, s:rubble

VIEW FROM southwest PHOTO TAKEN May 1979



FACADE front: wood shingle, side: wood clapboard, front: asphalt imitation brick
 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 reversible changes
UF major but reversible changes
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING compatible with character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This late-nineteenth vernacular building has a few simple decorative features. There are shingle skirts around the porches and a dentil course and several moldings at the cornice.

The yard to the right (north) contains a low retaining wall at the rear. There is a low granite ashlar retaining wall extending from the right two-thirds of the way across the front of the lot.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Before 1879 there was a building on the southern half of this site. It may have been constructed as early as 1850 when other houses were being built on Adams Street. Probably in the 1880s, a wood frame building was built on the northern half of this site.

In approximately 1910 both buildings were replaced by larger wood frame structures. These were owned in the 1920s and 1930s by the Abodeely family. The building to the north was removed in the recent past (1960 to 1970).

Sources

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

See Research Report in the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

There is archeological potential for recovering remains of the frame building which was located on the southern half of this property, which had probably been built in the 1850s.