

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

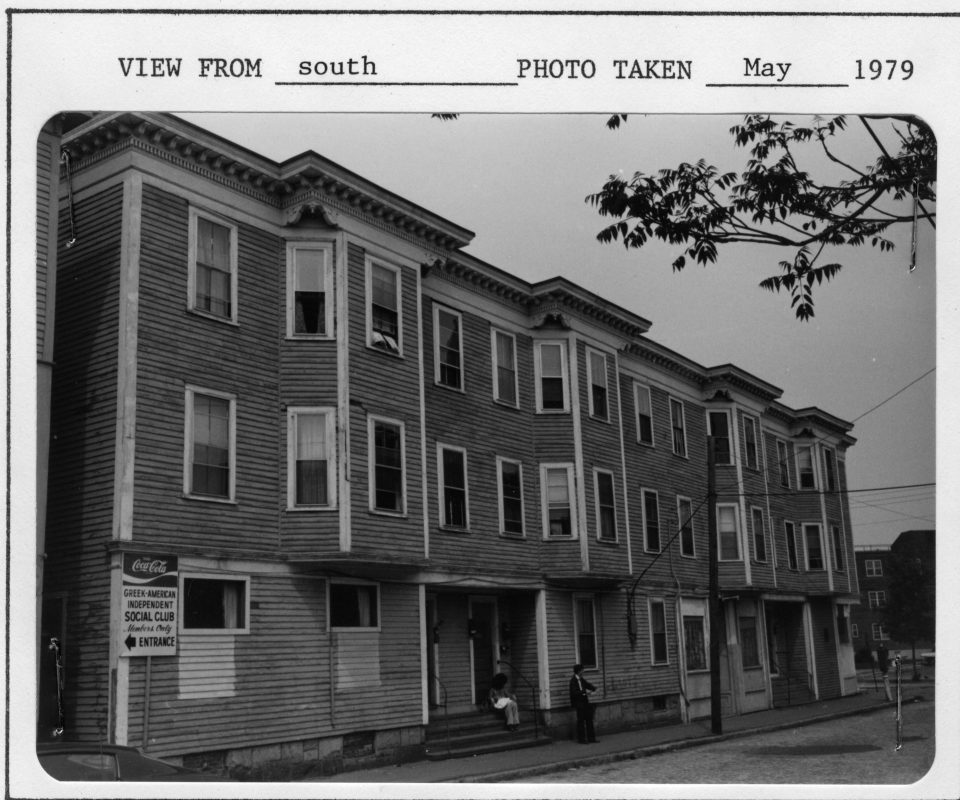
IDENTIFICATION 232-246 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Leonidis and Aspasia Tsirigotis OWNER OCCUPIED no
 2) HISTORIC NAME Pavis Shiffoin Building
 3) CURRENT NAME Greek American Independent Social Club
 4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS 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 Pavis Shiffoin (1924)
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1855-1906
 SOURCE circumstantial:

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 10,172
 5) PLAN rectangular
 6) ROOF flat
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
random ashlar granite
 FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
 TRIM wood
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS paved areas



VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC good
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES not applicable
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact with evolutionary alterations
UF intact with evolutionary alterations
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential, St. Patrick's Church
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is an extended version of the multiple family building characterized by facade bay windows or oriels and cornice elaboration, which was built repeatedly in the Acre in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The building features a projecting modillioned cornice. The wide frieze board, embellished by a dentil course directly under the cornice, is finished over the corners of the oriels by elaborate brackets and pendant drops.

The area behind the building is paved with asphalt.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first building on this site was very likely constructed in the 1850s. An L-shaped building extending around the corner from Adams Street onto Cross Street, it was composed of twelve small dwelling units, early with separate street numbers. Many such buildings existed in the Acre in the nineteenth century. Their form no doubt reflects high population density of the Acre.

By 1896 a large addition or continuous new building extended back from the Cross Street portion of the building. That structure was torn down around 1930.

The Adams Street portion of the building was replaced by the current building ca. 1910. Pavis Shiffoin owned the property in 1924.

Sources

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

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity occurred here in the 1850s. Archeological remains on the site would relate to its subsequent domestic use, but would be difficult to retrieve given the paving in the yard.