

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

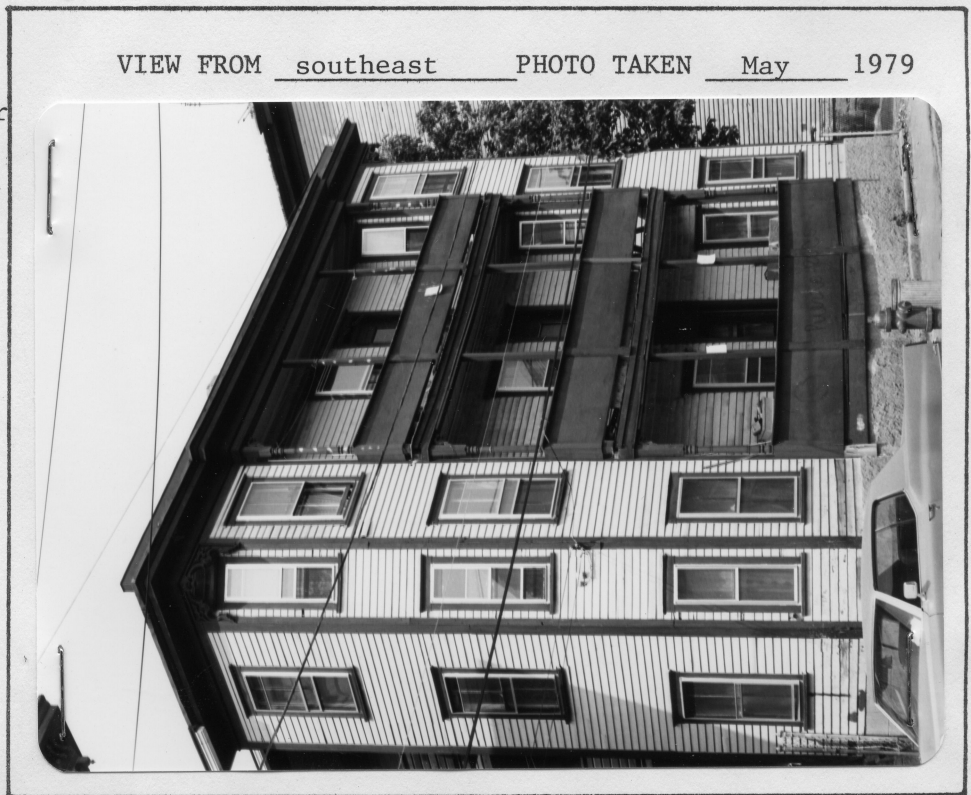
IDENTIFICATION 168 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER William Spanos of Acre Realty Trust OWNER OCCUPIED no
2) HISTORIC NAME Thomas Downing House
3) CURRENT NAME same
4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS delinquent since 1978 STATUS tax title
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1890-1895
SOURCE circumstantial: 1896 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER Thomas Downing
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 19th C. res. vernacular
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 3
4) PROP SQ FT 4959
5) PLAN rectangular
6) ROOF flat
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
9) MATERIALS:
FOUNDATION
concrete
FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
TRIM wood
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS paved areas



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs minor repair
- 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
- 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 particular form of three-story multiple family dwelling, characterized by bay windows, symmetrically placed on the facade and linked by recessed porches, was built frequently in the Acre at the turn of the century. This building has the typical decorative features of a broad cornice and elaborate brackets with pendant drops at the outermost corners of the bay windows, and turned porch posts. The small side yards have been paved with asphalt.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This building, the first structure on the site, was constructed ca. 1890-1895 by Thomas Downing who had owned the land since the 1870s. The building continued in the Downing family until after 1906. By 1924 it was owned by Mr. Asimakopoulos.

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 on this site in approximately 1895. Portions of the very small yard have been paved. Therefore, there is limited potential for the recovery of archeological remains on this site. Any that could be retrieved, however, would relate to the domestic use of the site since 1890.