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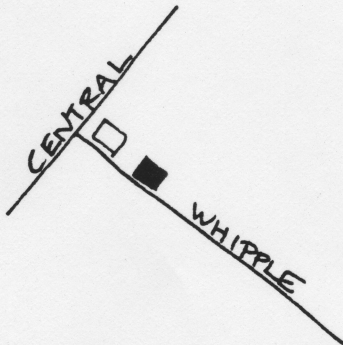
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location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

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Lowell

Address 12-14 Whipple Street

Historic Name Tilton House

Original Residential

Present Residential

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Joseph Tilton

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1870

Source stylistic analysis, map research

Style Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard (#12)
asphalt (#14)

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

shed addition in rear

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than one

Setting Urban Residential

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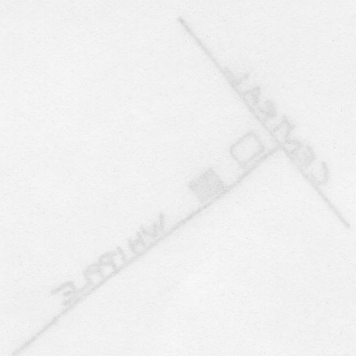
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Although built later than most of Lowell's Italianate houses, this double house uses traditional stylistic details: brackets, bay windows, and paneled corner boards. A bracketed belvedere makes the house a focal point on the street.

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

By 1858, Joseph Tilton owned this land and was living at the corner of Whipple and Central Streets (#784-6 Central Street). Tilton was an overseer for the Wamesit Power Co. whose buildings were at the foot of Whipple Street. Either he or his sons built this house circa 1870. Herman M. Tilton, a moulder, lived in the right side and his brother, John W., a policeman, in the left side. The entire property remained in the Tilton family beyond 1896.



BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Atlas: 1879, 1896
- Maps: 1850
- City Directories

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