



AREA TP FORM NO. 88-1

Town Lowell

Address 632 Westford Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1906-07

Source Lowell City Directory, 1907

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings shed may predate house

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

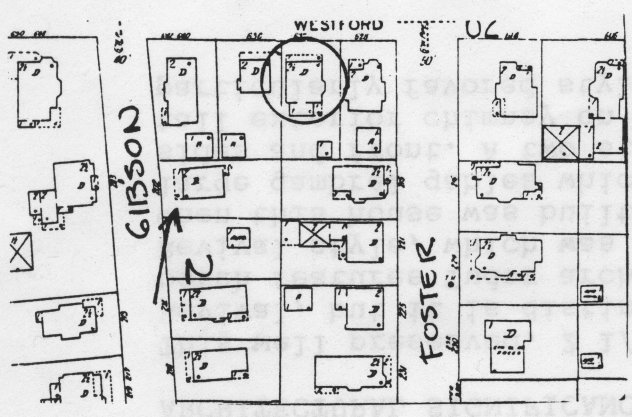
Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage 4,750 sq. ft.

Setting lot slopes to street, deep suburban lot

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



MAP REFERENCE _____

MAPS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization _____

Date December, 1986

Water Records
Lowell City Directory, 1906, 07
Maps, 1879, 1896, 1906, 1924

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Everett and Harriett Litchfield from Lawrence were the first owners. He was in real estate.

In 1879 the land on which this house was built was probably used for pasture, but with the westward spread of Lowell's residential development, the land was subdivided in the late 1880s. Mrs Gibson and James Bennett who purchased the Moore family acres, appear to have cooperated in laying out Gibson St. and Florence Ave. and laying out suburban sized lots about 1887. When Tyler Park was donated to the city in 1893, and the land around it was developed the same year as Tyler Park Lands, the area was advertised as being healthy, beautiful and the equal of other prestigious, middle class neighborhoods. Trolley lines laid out c. 1886, then extended and electrified about 1893 up Westford St. terminated near by, making transportation to Lowell convenient. Foster and Westford Streets were first to be developed, but this lot remained unbuild until c. 1907.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This well preserved, 2 1/2 story house is basically late Colonial Revival, but it is distinguished by its eclectic front porch. The porch features Tudor arches which are more often seen in the Medieval Revival style, which was fashionable some years earlier than c. 1907 when this house was built. A Dutch Colonial feature is the very large gambrel gables which break the high, slated hip roof on the sides and front. A two story octagonal bay on one side balances the tall exterior chimney on the other. Dutch Colonial was not a particularly favored style in the Tyler Park area.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT: This building is an integral part of the proposed Tyler Park historic district.