

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

A 2 1/2-story rectangular plan building with a rubblestone foundation end. Two gabled dormers remain on the gable roof, as do two massive interior chimneys on the ridge. The paired recessed entrances have transom lights above.

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

Cabot Street first appears on the 1832 map. The Cabot Block was one of the earliest structures on the street. Special "blocks" such as this were built by the major mill companies to house their overseers. The Cabot Block includes among its early occupants George S. Wright, an overseer at the Suffolk repair shop, and Jonathan Kendall, listed in the 1847 City Directory as an overseer at the Suffolk Company.

*This schoolhouse has become historic in the religious history of Lowell. Here it was that St. Anne's (Episcopal) church began its existence, March 7, 1824, and where it continued to hold religious services until March, 1825, when it took possession of its present site. The Baptists next occupied the house and continued to hold services until the dedication of their house of worship on Church street, November 15, 1826. After the Baptists came the Congregationalists where they remained until the completion of their new church in 1827 upon the adjoining lot. [On October 7, 1827, the Catholics, who had used the upper hall in the house at intervals, heard Mass for the first time solemnized by Father John Mahony.] The schoolhouse was subsequently sold to Deacon William Davidson and removed to Cabot street upon the west side, (between Salem and Merrimack) and converted into a dwelling-house. It stands next south of a brick building upon the same street."—(Editor Old Resident's Historical Society Collections, 1887.)

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1841 map.

1850 map double house "Wright".

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