



AREA

FORM NO.

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Town Lowell

Address 653-655 Westford Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present multi-family dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1896

Source Water Records

Style Colonial Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates) original

Condition good

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 10,000 sq. ft.

Setting large corner lot, house

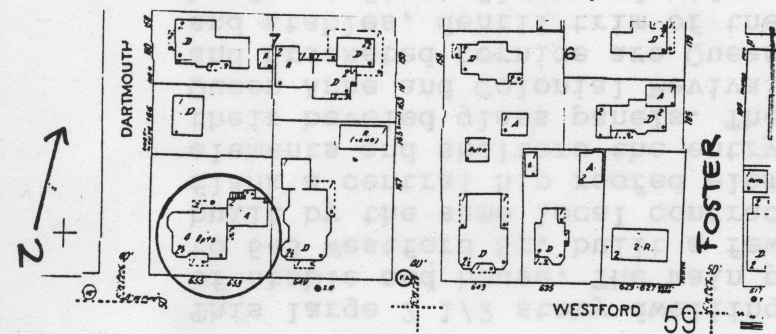
set close to street

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date December, 1986

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



UTM REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUADRANGLE \_\_\_\_\_

SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This large 2 1/2 story dwelling is unique for its early integration of stable and house. The main portion is basically similar in form to 643 Westford St. built a few years earlier, so possibly they were built by the same local contractor. Gable roofed off-set pavillions flank a central hip roofed element, a porch connects the two elements and shelters the entry. Here the double leaved doors retain their beveled glass panels. The house displays elements of both Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. The asymmetrical massing and bracketed cornice are Queen Anne: the pediments over front porch and stables, dentil trim of the cornices and windows and the cornice hoods on first floor and side windows are Colonial Revival.

#### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was first occupied by Gardner W. King, a bookkeeper in Lowell. A good number of the earliest houses in the Tyler Park Lands, Gibson and Bennett subdivision, the three earliest developments, were constructed with attached or separate carriage barns in spite of the fact that a trolley track up Westford Street, electrified in 1895, connected the area with the center of Lowell. In 1896, the year this house was constructed, the tracks stopped at Westford and Pine Streets, so this part of the Highlands was the end of the line. It appears that owners of the larger houses did not wish to be dependent on the trolleys, but few built stables for their horse drawn carriages.

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