

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 154 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER Spanos OWNER OCCUPIED no
2) HISTORIC NAME W. and M. Cassis Building
3) CURRENT NAME same
4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1906-1910
SOURCE circumstantial: 1924 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER W. and M. Cassis (1924)
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1860-1906, ca. 1890-1940
SOURCE 1879, 1896, 1924, 1936 atlases

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 20th C. vernacular
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 3
4) PROP SQ FT 3844
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 original fabric
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This particular form of three-story multiple family dwelling with symmetrical bay windows on the facade linked by recessed porches appears frequently in the Acre. Dating, like most, from the early twentieth century, this building has the typical decorative feature of a broad cornice with elaborate brackets and pendant drops over the outermost corners of the bay windows. The small yard has been covered with asphalt.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The first building was constructed on this site in approximately 1860. A small building was built at the rear of the lot about 1890. J. J. Higgins owned the property at that time.

The building at the front of the lot was replaced by the current building in approximately 1910. In 1924 the property was owned by W. and M. Cassis. The building at the rear of the lot was torn down after 1936, perhaps in the 1940s.

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 around 1860. There is archeological potential for finding below-ground remains of the structure located in the rear yard from ca. 1860 to post-1936.