

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 489 Merrimack Street MAP SHEET # 137

1) CURRENT OWNER Fleet Bank of Massachusetts OWNER OCCUPIED yes

2) HISTORIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_

3) CURRENT NAME Fleet Bank

4) PROPERTY TYPE commercial 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B-1

6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear

7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE 1970

SOURCE building permit #286

2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER Eugene Weisberg, architect

MacLeod Construction Co. Inc, builder

3) HISTORIC OWNER M.O.S. Realty Trust

4) ORIGINAL USE: GF bank offices UF n/a

5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE c.1850-79 to c.1936-77

SOURCE 1850 map (nothing on site), 1879, 1936, 1977 atlases

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE contemporary

2) PRESENT USE:

GF bank offices

UF n/a

3) NO OF STORIES 1

4) PROP SQ FT 16,320\*

5) PLAN rectangular  
flat

6) ROOF \_\_\_\_\_

7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM steel frame

8) OUTBUILDINGS none

9) MATERIALS:

FOUNDATION not visible

FACADE red brick, common bond

TRIM tan brick

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

VIEW FROM south PHOTO TAKEN Nov.1992



\*includes the former parcel at 475, which is now incorporated into 489

ADDRESS 489 Merrimack Street

### VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC excellent
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF n/a  
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROPERTY'S HISTORIC SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROPERTY TO HISTORIC SETTING detracts from character

### ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

Contemporary red brick bank building.

### ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

489 Merrimack was constructed in 1970 by MOS Realty Construction Company for use as a bank. The estimated cost listed on the permit was \$150,000.

A number of buildings have stood on this site in earlier times. One brick and several frame dwellings and commercial building appear on the site on the 1882 to 1924 atlases. The 1936 atlas shows a gas station on the site of the present bank as well as a brick building which is labeled the Lauriet Club. This night club was torn down after World War II.

### SOURCES

City of Lowell, Building Permit #286, 1970.

### ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This property is occupied by a small building and large paved parking lot. There are no surface indications of previous land use. The archeological potential of this property cannot be determined at this time.

