



AREA

FORM NO.

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Town Lowell

Address 163 Dartmouth Street

Historic Name Sherman-Berry House

Use: Present single family dwelling

Original single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1893

Source deed

Style Queen Anne

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage 6,179 sq. ft.

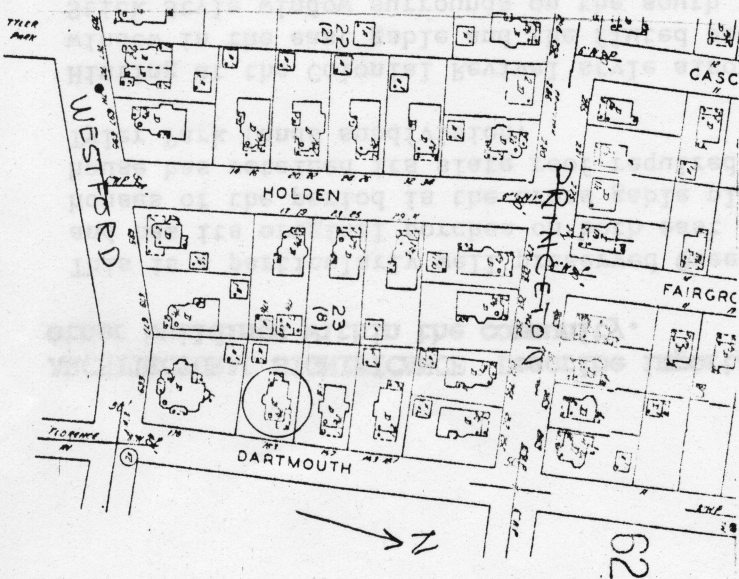
Setting The house faces east on a tree shaded street.

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Assoc.

Organization Tyler Park Neighborhood Assoc.

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 (if applicable)

This house is an integral part of the proposed Tyler Park Historic District.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This is a particularly well preserved Queen Anne house. It is 2 ½ stories in height and has its original porches on both east and south facades. Typical of Queen Anne houses of the period is the cross gable plan with fully pedimented gables. The house has retained its slate roof required by deed restrictions for buildings in the Tyler Park Lands subdivision.

Hinting at the Colonial Revival style also current in the 1890s is the Palladian-type window in the east gable and the fluted porch posts which rest on panelled plinths. Stick Style window surrounds on the south facade and sawtooth shingle work in the gables indicate the builder was fully conversant with current stylistic devices of the period.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The Sherman-Berry house appears to be one of the first houses built in Tyler Park. The plan for the Park was recorded in March of 1893; six weeks later the deed for the lot was registered, and in August of 1893 water was connected to the house site. William H. Bent, the developer of the subdivision hired Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot of Brookline to plan and landscape Tyler Park and the centerpiece of the development linking the irregular plots to a more coherent whole.

Frederick W. Sherman, the first owner of the house was a prominent businessman who operated an insurance business in the Hildreth Building. He also owned and operated a sand and gravel business from this address. The family resided here until 1927 when they moved to Orland, Florida. Mr. Leo Berry and his wife Bertha lived here until 1985. Berry was a prominent business man owning and operating a floor refinishing business from the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, Grantor's Index Batchelder-Browell, 1881-1900, Book #2 p. 199, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Lowell City Directory, 1885-1927, See page 1274 of 1905 Directory for advertisement of Frederick W. Sherman.