



AREA

FORM NO.

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Town Lowell

Address 811 Westford Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1898

Source Water Records

Style Tudor Revival/Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings carriage barn

Major Alterations (with dates) front

door blocked

Condition poor

Moved _____ Date _____

Acres 17,821 sq. ft.

Setting occupies whole block frontage,
barn to rear, lot surrounded by

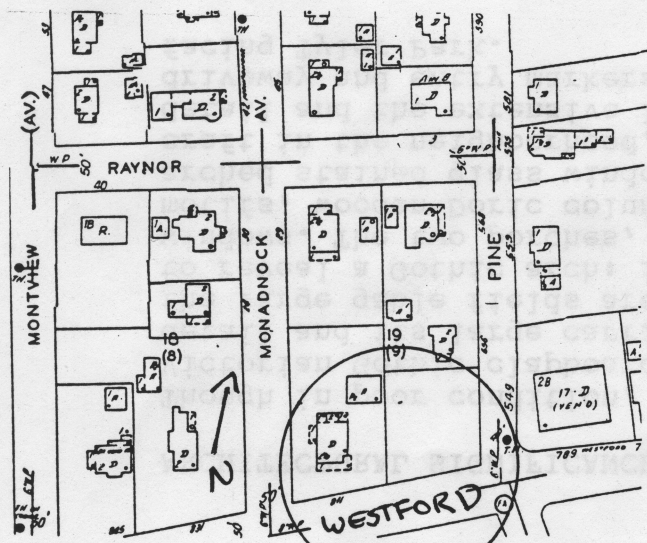
low boulder fence, granite markers,
mature
tall evergreens obscure house, planting

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



MAP REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Though in poor condition, this imposing, 2 1/2 story Tudor/High Victorian Gothic clapboard house retains nearly all its original detail and its large carriage barn. Basically cross gabled in plan, the large gable fields are edged with a shingled vergeboard shaped to reveal a Gothic arch: in the gable fields are triple tall Gothic windows. The two porches, however, are treated with Colonial Revival motifs, wooden Doric columns and slender turned balustrades. An arched stained glass window, one of the many lovely examples of the craft in the neighborhood, lights the stair. The rich decorative detail and the extensive lot with mature plantings and granite driveway and entry markers make this an especially significant house facing Tyler Park.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

By 1896 the previously essentially rural Highland section of Lowell was beginning to be developed in suburban subdivisions. Called the "Garden Ward", the area was described in newspaper puff pieces as not in the country but in town, high, dry, and provided with the new Tyler Park as a visual centerpiece and public breathing space. Its convenience was stressed, as at the bottom of this lot the electric trolley down Westford Street had its terminus. ✓
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William Wilson, a prominent corporation lawyer purchased the land from George McIntire, a member of a local land owning family. His subdivision covering Monadnock to Raynor Streets was not developed with houses until the late teens and early twenties except for this house and a house on Pine Street belonging to a member of the McIntire family.

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