

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 205 WORTHEN STREET MAP SHEET # 11  
 1) CURRENT OWNER Edward Hebert and Katherine Hebert OWNER OCCUPIED yes  
 2) HISTORIC NAME James Kelty House  
 3) CURRENT NAME Edward T. Hebert--Furnished Rooms  
 4) PROPERTY TYPE single-family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B3  
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear  
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD, City Hall HD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1870  
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1879 atlas  
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown  
 3) HISTORIC OWNER James Kelty (1878)  
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential  
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1840-1870  
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1841, 1850 maps; 1879 atlas

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Second Empire  
 2) PRESENT USE:  
 GF residential  
 UF residential  
 3) NO OF STORIES 2½  
 4) PROP SQ FT 2,313  
 5) PLAN rectangular  
 6) ROOF mansard  
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM  
wood frame  
 8) OUTBUILDINGS  
none  
 9) MATERIALS:  
 FOUNDATION  
irregular granite blocks  
 FACADE asphalt siding  
 TRIM wood  
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



ADDRESS

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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC. good
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF major but reversible changes  
UF major but reversible changes
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, residential, institutional
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

205 Worthen Street represents a departure from the Greek Revival norm of facade and end-gabled Worthen Street dwellings. Stylistically, this free-standing frame structure may be classified as Second Empire. This structure is three stories high and consists of a rectangular block capped by a mansard roof. The facades of this building are covered with asbestos shingles. A granite rubble stone foundation is visible on the Worthen Street facade. This dwelling's entrance bay is slightly off-center, flanked by two bays to the south and three bays to the north.

The Victorian door hood has scroll brackets and pendants. The front door and its enframing are twentieth century in origin. The cornice is supported by pairs of sawn brackets with fleur-de-lis decoration.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A building has been located on this site since the early 1840s. The 1841 Lowell map shows a structure of C-shaped plan. By 1850 an L-shaped structure appears on this site. This may be the 1841 building reduced to half its original size. In 1850 a John Allen, grocer, owned and occupied the house. His store was located at Lowell (now Market) and Hanover Streets.

The 1879 atlas shows a frame structure of rectangular configuration on this site. Probably this outline reflects the current building, which may incorporate parts of the earlier house. From 1878 until 1888 this building was occupied by J. C. Kelty. Kelty had a grocery store on Market Street. In 1889 Kelty moved to Varney Street, but retained ownership of 205 Worthen Street through 1906.

On the 1896, 1906, and 1924 atlases a rectangular structure appears on this site. From the second decade of this century to the present this structure has been a rooming house, operated from 1917 to 1922 by Mathew Coupe, from 1923 to 1925 by Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, and from 1931 to the present by the Heberts.

Sources

1841, 1850 Lowell maps.

Lowell directories.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924 Lowell atlases.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

A building has occupied this site since the 1840s. Archeological remains relating to the subsequent domestic use of the site might be recovered from the rear and side yards.