

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 228 WORTHEN STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Greek-American Legion of Lowell (Post #1) OWNER OCCUPIED yes
 2) HISTORIC NAME Miss L. A. Hill's Educational Club (1875-1908)
 3) CURRENT NAME Greek-American Legion of Lowell
 4) PROPERTY TYPE single family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B3
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF City Hall HD -- LHPD.

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1840
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1841 Lowell Map
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER Kimball (1850)
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
 SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Greek Revival
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF residential
 UF residential
 3) NO OF STORIES 2½
 4) PROP SQ FT 3,681
 5) PLAN L-shaped
 6) ROOF facade gable
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM wood frame
 8) OUTBUILDINGS none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION brick



FACADE all sides: aluminum clapboards
 TRIM wood and aluminum
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS granite steps

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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 moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is a single family dwelling, two-and-a-half stories high and L-shaped in plan. The house is covered with metal siding simulating wood clapboarding. A brick foundation is visible on the southern side of the structure. A covered porch supported by simple wooden posts projects from the main and southern facades. The Worthen Street facade features an off-center entrance to the left. The facade gable has return eaves. An addition sheathed in metal siding similar to that of the main portion of the house appears to the rear.

Despite this structure's metal facing, the scale and massing of this Greek Revival house is compatible with its 1840s Worthen Street neighbors.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

228 Worthen Street is representative of Worthen Street's initial development in the 1840s. The current building first appears on the 1841 map. In 1850 the name Kimball is associated with this structure.

From 1875 to 1908, this dwelling housed Miss L. A. Hill's Educational Club. For over thirty years Lucy A. Hill, along with her sisters Mary and Katie, taught French, German and English at 228 Worthen Street. The three sisters lived as well as taught in this house. At some point between 1879 and 1896 a rear addition was constructed. This long L-shaped configuration has remained unchanged to the present.

Patrick J. Meehan, a physician, is first listed at this address in 1913. This building remained in the Meehan family until 1957 (serving as the Meehan and Kirwin Funeral Home in the 1950s). The Greek-American Legion of Lowell has owned it since 1959.

Sources

1841, 1850 Lowell maps.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924 Lowell atlases.

Lowell directories.

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ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

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

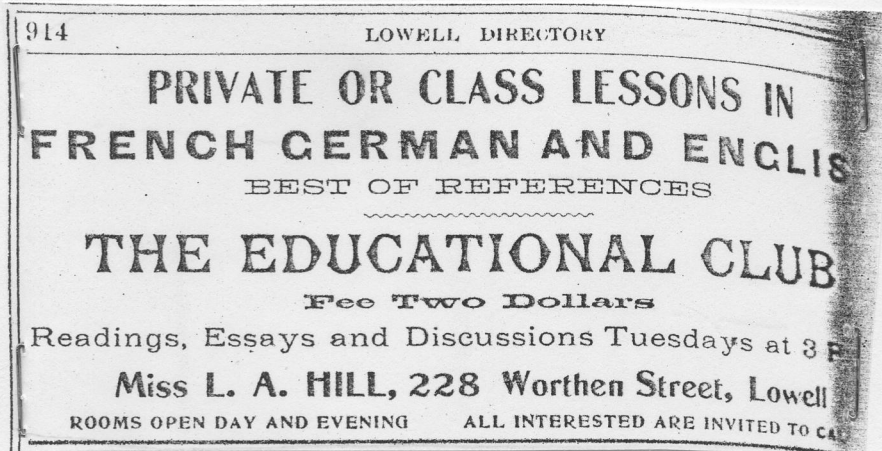


Figure 1

Lowell Directory, 1907, p. 914.