

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

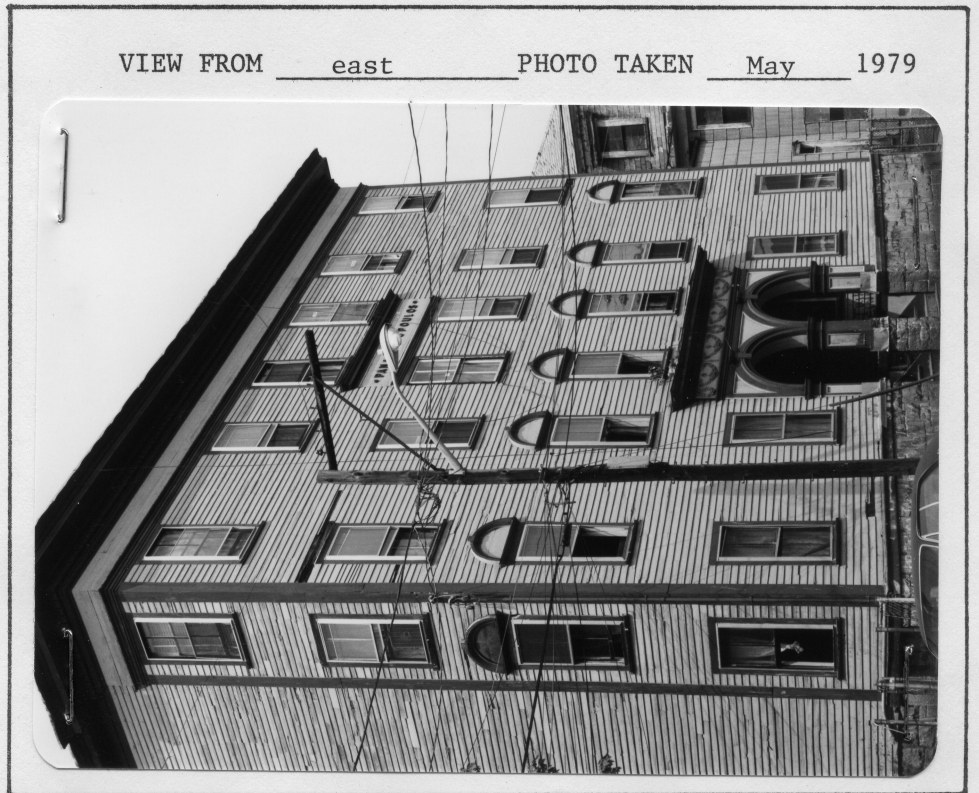
IDENTIFICATION 172-178 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER William Spanos of Acre Realty Trust OWNER OCCUPIED no
2) HISTORIC NAME Amelia Downing Building
3) CURRENT NAME Panagiotopoulos Building
4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS delinquent since 1978 STATUS tax title
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1900-1905
SOURCE document: 1906 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER Amelia Downing
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Colonial Revival
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 4
4) PROP SQ FT 5716
5) PLAN rectangular
6) ROOF flat
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
9) MATERIALS:
FOUNDATION
granite random ashlar
FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
TRIM wood
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS paved areas



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs minor repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES not applicable
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is the only four-story building in the Acre. In addition, it is stylistically one of the most elaborate buildings located there, and the only one which is frankly Colonial Revival.

The entrance is adorned with double wooden keystone arches surmounted by an entablature to which carved wooden floral garlands and wreaths have been applied. There are keystone arches above the second-story windows. The cornice has an entablature with a broad frieze board and double dentil or Greek fret course. The facade treatment extends one bay back along on the sides of the building and is defined by a wooden pilaster strip. The panel above the third floor which says "Panagiotopoulos" is a later addition.

The narrow yard has been paved with asphalt.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This building was constructed ca. 1900 to 1905 by Amelia Downing. No clues as to why it was of greater size and richer elaboration than its neighbors have been discovered.

Sources

1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This is the first building constructed on this site. Much of the small yard is now paved with asphalt. Therefore, there is limited potential for the recovery of archeological remains here, but any that might be uncovered would relate to the domestic use of the site.



Detail of Doorway