

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 520 Merrimack Street MAP SHEET # 137

1) CURRENT OWNER Joseph K. and Mary M. Elkareh OWNER OCCUPIED no

2) HISTORIC NAME _____

3) CURRENT NAME _____

4) PROPERTY TYPE undeveloped 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B-1

6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear

7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE n/a

SOURCE _____

2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER n/a

3) HISTORIC OWNER n/a

4) ORIGINAL USE: GF n/a UF _____

5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY frame row c.1832-1882
brick row DATE c.1882- c.1936-77

SOURCE 1832 map, 1879 atlas, 1882 Sanborn atlas, 1836,1977 atlas

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE n/a

2) PRESENT USE:

GF parking lot

UF _____

3) NO OF STORIES n/a

4) PROP SQ FT 13,320

5) PLAN n/a

6) ROOF n/a

7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM n/a

8) OUTBUILDINGS n/a

9) MATERIALS:

FOUNDATION n/a

FACADE n/a

TRIM n/a

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS lot is not paved; chain link fencing

VIEW FROM north PHOTO TAKEN Nov.1992



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC n/a
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF n/a
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROPERTY'S HISTORIC SETTING severely disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROPERTY TO HISTORIC SETTING detracts from character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

Vacant, unpaved parking lot with chain link fencing along the street.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The brick row previously on this site burned about 1970. The row had been constructed between 1879, when the atlas shows a row of frame buildings on the site, and 1882, when the atlas shows a row of three-story brick buildings with stores on the first floor and tenements above. The stores included shoes, confectionery, dry goods, millinery, and tobacco. There were frame outbuildings on the rear property line.

SOURCES

Maps: 1832 (shows building on this site in same shape), 1850
Atlases: 1879 to 1977, especially 1879 Hopkins and 1882 Sanborn.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity occurred on this site before 1832. A second brick building replaced the first frame building by 1879. Archeological remains which could be recovered in this unpaved lot would relate to the commercial/residential use of the site since before 1832.

