

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 237 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER Gertrude Clermont Raymond Descheneault OWNER OCCUPIED no
J.D.L. Realty Trust
2) HISTORIC NAME C. and N. Gardenas Building
3) CURRENT NAME same
4) PROPERTY TYPE multiple dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1906-1910
SOURCE circumstantial: 1924 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER C. and N. Gardenas (1924)
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1850s-1906
SOURCE circumstantial: 1924 atlas

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 20th C. res. vernacular
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 3
4) PROP SQ FT 4295
5) PLAN rectangular
6) ROOF flat
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
9) MATERIALS:
FOUNDATION
brick-covered w/concrete
FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
TRIM wood
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC. needs minor repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES 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 (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is a standard Acre multi-family dwelling of the early twentieth century with an interesting assortment of decorative trim. Like many others nearby, this building has polygonal oriels on the facade linked by recessed second and third floor porches. The decorative trim which derives from the Queen Anne style includes a scalloped molding below the cornice, turned posts, shaped, sawn balusters. A common corner treatment is featured in which the roof is extended on elaborate brackets with pendant drops over the outermost bays of the oriels.

The roof slopes from the front and back to a central longitudinal valley.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A building was undoubtedly erected on this site in the 1850s. Owned in 1896 by Cornelius Shanahan, it was replaced in approximately 1910 by the present building.

Sources

1850 map; 1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity probably occurred on the site in the 1850s. Archeological remains which might be recovered from the back yard would relate to the subsequent domestic use of the site.