

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Lowell

Address 1081 Gorham Street

Historic Name Palm Grain Company

Original Commercial

Present

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Elbridge Parker

DESCRIPTION:

location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Date 1880's

Source map research; directories

Style Italianate elements

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) South and North elevations partially bricked in

Moved _____ Date _____

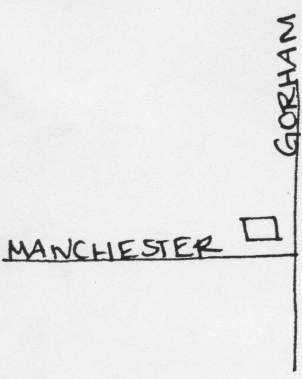
Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting mixed residential and commercial

Recorded by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen

Organization D.P.D. Architectural Survey

Date 4/1/81



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Segmental arched windows and granite sills relieve the otherwise utilitarian design of this 3-story brick structure. It is the only brick commercial building on Gorham Street in South Lowell.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Elbridge G. Parker erected this building to serve as an office for his coal and grain business and a residence for himself. Parker owned the entire strip of land between Manchester Street and the railroad. The small buildings which appear on the 1896 atlas were presumably for shipping and receiving storage.

In the early 20th century the building was used for a variety of commercial and residential purposes. The lettering "Palm Grain Company" which appears on the North side dates from the 1940's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlas: 1879, 1896
City Directories