

**LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**

**IDENTIFICATION** 521 Merrimack Street MAP SHEET # 137

1) CURRENT OWNER 521 Merrimack Street Trust OWNER OCCUPIED yes  
Albert R. Descoteaux, Trus.

2) HISTORIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_

3) CURRENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear

7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

**HISTORICAL ABSTRACT**

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE early 1940's  
 SOURCE owner; 1936 and 1977 atlases

2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

3) HISTORIC OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

4) ORIGINAL USE: GF hardware store UF n/a

5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY frame building DATE c.1850-79 to early 194  
 SOURCE 1850 map; 1879 and 1936 atlases

**DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE vernacular

2) PRESENT USE:  
 GF flower shop  
 UF n/a

3) NO OF STORIES 1

4) PROP SQ FT 3,232

5) PLAN rectangular

6) ROOF flat

7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM \_\_\_\_\_

8) OUTBUILDINGS none

9) MATERIALS:

FOUNDATION not visible (stone)

FACADE red brick, common bond

TRIM metal

VIEW FROM south PHOTO TAKEN Nov.1992



10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

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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 intact with minor changes  
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROPERTY'S HISTORIC SETTING severely disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROPERTY TO HISTORIC SETTING compatible with character

### ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This simple one-story brick commercial building has a center recessed entrance between large storefront display windows with modern metal frames. At the roofline is a stepped pediment. Variations in brick coloration provide visual interest.

### ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This building was built in the early 1940's as a hardware store and later used as a pharmacy. It replaced an earlier frame building which first appears on the 1879 atlas and is still present on the 1936 atlas.

### SOURCES

Maps: 1832, 1950  
Atlases: 1879 to 1977  
Information supplied by owner

### ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This property occupies most of the site, with the rest being a paved parking lot. The archeological potential would appear to be low.

