

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 102-108 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
1) CURRENT OWNER Thomas and George Mansur OWNER OCCUPIED yes
2) HISTORIC NAME Mansur House
3) CURRENT NAME same
4) PROPERTY TYPE two-family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1925-1930
SOURCE circumstantial: 1924, 1936 atlas
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
3) HISTORIC OWNER Francena Mansur
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1845 to 1925
SOURCE circumstantial: 1850 map, 1924 atlas

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 20th C. vernacular
2) PRESENT USE:
GF residential
UF residential
3) NO OF STORIES 2
4) PROP SQ FT 6217
5) PLAN rectangular
6) ROOF flat
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
9) MATERIALS:
FOUNDATION
ashlar granite stone
FACADE all sides: asphalt shingle
TRIM wood

VIEW FROM southeast PHOTO TAKEN May 1979



10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS retaining wall

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC good
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES not applicable
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF major but reversible changes
UF major but reversible changes
- 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 compatible with character (see Add. Info.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is a well-kept early twentieth century residential vernacular structure.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Between 1845 and 1850 William Fiske, a lumber dealer and box maker, constructed a double house on this site. Before 1896, additions had extended the building back to LaGrange Court which forms the rear boundary line of the lot. A. C. Wheelock who owned several other properties in the Acre at the time owned this building for ten years or more at the turn of the century (1896-1906).

In the late 1920s, the current building replaced the predecessor on the site. At that time a separate small building facing LaGrange Court was apparently also constructed. That building was torn down in the 1970s.

Sources

1845 Locks and Canals map, 1850, 1975 maps.

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

1851 directory.

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The first building activity occurred on this site between 1845 and 1850. Archeological remains that could be recovered from the rear yard would relate to the subsequent domestic use of the site.