

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 153 ADAMS STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER Assay Massoud OWNER OCCUPIED no
 2) HISTORIC NAME John C. Treadwell 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. 1845-1850
 SOURCE document: 1850 map
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER John C. Treadwell (1850)
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
 SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Greek Revival
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF vacant
 UF vacant
 3) NO OF STORIES 2-1/2
 4) PROP SQ FT 3687
 5) PLAN rectangular
 6) ROOF endwall gable
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
wood frame
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
canal-type rubble stone
 FACADE all sides: wood clapboard
 TRIM wood
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

VIEW FROM southwest PHOTO TAKEN May 1979



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs major repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES vandalism, lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This is a substantial Greek Revival house which, although currently vacant and boarded up, retains many of its original decorative features. There are paneled corner pilasters with simple capitals. These support an entablature extending around the entire building so that the gables assume a pediment form.

The window in the peak of the pediment has a "two center" arch surround. This interestingly up-to-date feature gives a hint of the coming taste in Lowell for Gothic Revival decorative details.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

John C. Treadwell who worked at Cushing and Mack's, stove dealers, built this house ca. 1845-1850.

At some point before 1896 a dependent ell to the rear was removed. At that time the building was owned by S. G. Mack.

The house has been in the Massoud family since the 1930s.

Sources

1841, 1850 maps

1879, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

See Research Report on the Acre for further information.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

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