

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 47-49 ANDOVER STREET MAP SHEET # 12  
1) CURRENT OWNER Belvidere Realty Co. OWNER OCCUPIED No  
2) HISTORIC NAME The Richards House  
3) CURRENT NAME same  
4) PROPERTY TYPE 2-Family dwelling 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B1  
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear  
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD partial

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1851-1856  
SOURCE estimated: 1850 map, stylistic  
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown  
3) HISTORIC OWNER Richards  
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF residential UF residential  
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1841-1851  
SOURCE 1850 map

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Greek Revival  
2) PRESENT USE:  
GF residential  
UF residential  
3) NO OF STORIES 2  
4) PROP SQ FT 5998  
5) PLAN rectangular  
6) ROOF endwall gable  
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM  
wood frame  
8) OUTBUILDINGS  
none  
9) MATERIALS:  
FOUNDATION  
F:granite S:rubble  
FACADE All:wood clapboard  
TRIM wood  
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs major repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact with evolutionary alterations  
UF intact with evolutionary alterations
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential, river frontage
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character (see additional descrip.)

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

This simple Greek Revival building has plain wide boards as door surrounds and to suggest corner pilasters and a cornice frieze. Italianate doors and a front corner bay were added later in the nineteenth century. There is a one-story addition to the rear. A broad granite step has an iron boot scraper set in it.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The 1850 map shows a building of different configuration belonging to C. & L. Richards. Shortly thereafter Luther Richards must have built the current house.

Sources

1841, 1850 maps.

1897, 1896, 1906, 1924, 1936 atlases.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

This wooden structure almost entirely covers the site. The remains that might be recovered archeologically would relate to the domestic use of the site since the 1840s.