

107, 109 Warren Street (circa late 1830s/early 1840s)

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107,109 Warren

ca. 1980s

Numbers 107, 109 Warren Street is a substantial, double Greek Revival wood frame house with a six bay main façade and four bay end wall gables. The main block rises two stories from a granite block basement to a gable roof. The roof probably had dormers originally. To the rear are contiguous one-story ells.

The houses have a side hall plans with paired entrances, which are recessed, each with one granite step and a flight of wood

stairs. Number 107's front door is enframed by five pane sidelights and a four-pane transom. Glass panes have been removed from the sidelights of 109, which are now solid wood. The entry walls have well-crafted panels. The outer entrances and frames and are apparently covered, beneath wood



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shingles, and probably consist of Doric pilasters and pedimented or cornice-headed entablatures. Shallow, wood shingle-clad shed roof door hoods appear above the entrances.

The windows are fully enframed with raised outer moldings and, in general, have 6/6 wood sash.

Original owner: Timothy Thompson Junior

This solid, well-proportioned Greek Revival double house is the easternmost member of a trio of architecturally significant 19th century buildings which include the ornate, polychromatic high Victorian Gothic Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank and the handsome Greek Revival townhouses of Dexter Row. These buildings provide a charming, memorable backdrop for the northeast side of Thompson Square.

Numbers 107, 109 Warren is difficult to date via deeds. Evidently, these houses were built as an investment property for Timothy Thompson Junior, of Charlestown's prominent Thompson family of doctors, merchants and politicians. Middlesex grantee entries for Timothy Thompson during the 1830s and 40s are numerous and preclude a deed search within the timetable of this survey. Numbers 107, 109 Warren evidently dates to circa late 1830s, or the 1840s. It is similar in terms of form and fenestration to numbers 37, 39, and 57, 59 Washington, built circa 1838-1840 and 1835-1845, respectively.

During the mid-1860s Timothy Thompson's estate was evidently divided among his heirs. Thompson's heirs sold 107 to Sarah J Percival on 15 May 1865 for \$2900, and sold 109 to Margaret Fernandez on October 1864 for \$2700. Number 107's late 19th century owners included William H Smith, an "engineer", circa 1880-early 1900s, and the heirs of John T Callahan, 1911. Number 109's owners included Francis E Donner, 1870s -90s, and John J and D Higgins, by 1911.

For more information on the Thompson family see the form on 119 Main St.

Bibliography:

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Charlestown directories-1834-74

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