

35 Winthrop Street (1894/5)

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Number 35 Winthrop Street is a good example of mid-1890's Georgian Revival multi-family, masonry town house architecture. It is a three story, three family brick building with granite trim at the basement level. There are three basement windows and a basement door recessed below street grade. It has four bays and a side hall plan.

A tall entrance with a keystone arch has double doors and a large transom surmounted by a fanlight. There is an oval window to the right of the entrance, on the first floor. In general, the windows have simple stone lintels and 6/6 wood sash. A metal oriel spanning floors 2 and 3 has rectangular apron panels with swag moldings in high relief, and a dentillated cornice.

Architect: C. A. Halstrom

Builder: Donovan and Brock, masons

Original owner: Bridget Brock

The Panoramic View of Charlestown, dated 1848, indicates that number 35's lot was occupied by a two-story gable-end to street house. Number 35 was built in 1894, replacing the earlier house. City of Boston Buildings Department records have a building permit dated September 18, 1894. This permit lists Bridgette Brock (wife of contractor Edward Brock) as this building's owner.

Number 35 Winthrop was constructed by "Donovan and Brock." Patrick J Donovan of Donovan and Brock (Edward), Masons, was active in Charlestown building trades from circa 1883-1915. This firm is first listed in 1884-at that time Donovan lived at 44 Chapman Street. By 1890 Donovan's business was called Patrick J Donovan and Company (masons, w/Daniel Donovan). During the 1890s and 1900s Patrick J Donovan lived at 38 Winthrop. He was responsible for the Queen Anne apartment at 114-118 High Street, at the corner of Sullivan Street.

C. A. Halstrom was active in Boston area architectural practice from circa 1884-1910. In 1884 he lived and worked at 25 Main Street, Charlestown. By 1890 he had an office at 22 Congress Street, in Boston, and lived at 200 K Street, South Boston. He is not listed in the 1920 Boston directory. Charlestown examples of his work include the yellow brick Georgian revival tenements at 67, 69, 71 Baldwin Street (see form), and the three family Queen Anne house at 85 Elm Street (see form).

Bibliography

Maps-1852

Atlases-1868, 1875, 1885, 1892, 1901, 1911

Mallory Panoramic View, 1848

City of Boston building permits

Boston directories-post 1875

B.P.L. Architect's file- C. A. Halstrom

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