

43 Green Street (1859)

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Number 43 Green Street is the more intact half of a double Italianate three-story, wood frame row house. It has a three

bay main façade, a brick basement, and a side hall plan with paired entrances with number 45. The building has a paneled and bracketed cornice and a flat roof.



43, 45 Green Street

1981

Double outer doors have circa late 19th century, elongated, arched glass panels, with solid circular panels below. Evidently the inner doors are original. The entrance is surmounted by a bold scroll-bracketed hood. A Doric pilaster visually separates 43 from 41. An oriel window projects from the second floor center and has a dentilated cornice. In general the windows are fully enframed and have 2/2 wood sash.

Builder: Amos Brown

Original owner: F B Austin, James Austin, Amos Brown

Number 43 Green Street is a competent example of mid-19th century Charlestown housing, showing elements of the Italianate style. It is the better preserved half of a double three-story wood frame house with oriel windows and bracketed cornice. It represents the work of prolific mid-19th-century carpenter Amos Brown.

Middlesex deeds indicate that 43's land was part of the extensive landholdings of Charlestown merchant Francis B Austin and James W Austin, "Honolulu, Sandwich Islands". In July 1859, Austin sold 43 to Amos Brown of Charlestown, a carpenter, for \$1500 (see Middlesex deed 811:442). The Austin/Brown deed indicates that 43 was extant at the time of the signing of the deed. Amos Brown was active as a carpenter in Charlestown building trades from circa 1848 until the 1880s. (For more information on Brown see form on 4-10 Mystic Street). Other examples of Brown's work include 5-21 Cross Street (1863), 84-86 Baldwin Street, and 4-10 Mystic Street (1854).

On January 26, 1860 Brown sold 43 to Henry C Boyd of Charlestown, a clerk, for \$4500 (821:548). Nine years later Boyd sold it to Mary W Merrill, wife of John Merrill of Medford, Massachusetts for \$7500 (see 1051:40, January 7, 1869). Later owners included Lyman G Prescott of Prescott and Thompson, Provisions, 2 Blackstone Market (circa 1875-1890s) and Rachel C Feltz (early 1900s).

Bibliography:

Maps- 1818, 1852

Atlases-1868, 1875, 1885, 1892, 1901, 1911
Middlesex deeds-811:441, 442, 821:548, 891:271, 1051:40,
1210:16

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