

**47, 49 Park Street (circa late 1830s)**

From Boston Landmark Commission's Charlestown Historic Resources Study 1981 (E. W. Gordon, Consultant)\*:



Pre-1975 photo

Numbers 47 and 49 Park Street is a rectangular wood frame clapboard Greek Revival house. The house has two stories, a

brick basement, and a gable roof. It has a six bay street façade and a one bay end wall. It was originally treated as a double house with an entrance located at the first bay as well as the present entrance at the fourth bay. The first bay's entrance was removed at some point after 1975 and was replaced with a window exhibiting compatible treatments with the building's other windows. The house's edges are accented by narrow base, corner, and fascia boards.

Still extant is the entrance originally numbered 47 (now 49), with its noteworthy Asher Benjamin pattern-book derived enframements, e.g. Doric pilasters with modified Greek key motif, multi-pane transom and cornice- headed lintel. The Windows are fully enframed with 6/6 wood sash.



49 Park Street

2015



Entry detail

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Numbers 47, 49 Park was originally located at 2 Stetson Court (see 1868 Sanborn Atlas and 1852 McIntyre map). Stetson Court was set out at some point circa 1798-1810, judging by deeds and area development history, although the 1818 Tufts map does not show the Stetson Court cul-de-sac off Henley Street. Stetson Court's residential development was almost certainly triggered by the construction of the Navy yard in 1800, and the completion of the Salem Turnpike to City Square in 1802. The Salem Turnpike linked the Boston area to Salem and the North Shore Massachusetts towns.

Stetson Court was named for David Stetson. Originally from Scituate, Stetson was "one of Charlestown's leading citizens". T.T Sawyer notes that "he was a man of much business, with ability and means to manage it and was looked up to as a citizen of standing and character".

#### Bibliography:

Maps-1818, 1852

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

Directories-1860s, 70s

Middlesex deeds-731: 5, 991:439, 1051:244

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