

Portland Historic Resources Inventory

Property Address: 197 Spring Street

Inventory #: SP-226

Assessor's C/B/L: 45-E-21

District: Spring Street

Map #: 226

Rating:

Local Code: CONTRIBUTING

National Register: Ind. Listing N/A District Spring Street

Date of Placement: Local 08/01/1990 National 04/03/1970

Description of Significant Features and Subsequent Alterations:

The addition of asbestos siding has greatly altered the detailing of this Greek Revival dwelling, for the cornerboards, frieze, and raking cornice are no longer visible. The entrance is on the western elevation in the rear bay. Originally a full-width porch with indented paneled porch supports led up to the door, now it is only a hood supported by simple posts. The wooden steps have been replaced with cement steps. A fire escape leads from the western gable window to the porch hood. The roof is punctuated by two tall interior end wall chimneys and two enclosed gabled dormers with coupled windows. An ell extends out to the rear and on the eastern elevation there is a large ground floor bay window. There are painted stone lintels over the 4 foundation windows. The dormers are additions as is the fire escape, asbestos siding, and altered window sash (from 6/6 to 1/1). Despite exterior alterations, this dwelling is representative of the 1830s and 40s development of Spring Street. It is stylistically similar to 205 Spring Street which is in a restored state and shows what this building would look like without the dormers and with a full width side porch.

City Review of Certificates:

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