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## **Bridge Street Boarding House**

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### **Summary Scope of Work:**

The Bridge Street Boarding House in Downtown Lowell, a by-product of a 19th Century textile manufacturing center, was one of many such structures built to house the City's millworkers. In this century, the block long structure had fallen into terrible disrepair, with mostly-vacant upper floors, and the ground level occupied by fringe commercial uses that had dramatically changed the appearance of the historic building.

Working for a well-known Lowell developer, Nicholas C. Sarris Inc., Jones Payne coordinated the design for the preservation of the structure with the Lowell Historical Commission's staff Architect, and the boarding house was fully restored for "residential" purposes, initially as unmarried student housing for the University of Lowell. The building currently houses college students in 25, four bedroom suites, incorporating the reuse of the attic areas for sleeping lofts. On site parking and a laundry / canteen area are provided behind the building.

The building's exterior has been carefully restored to meet Department of Interior and LHC standards, including reconstruction of the ground floor granite sill course and brick infill. The door and window replacements, and shutter installations, were custom-milled to meet historic profiles.

