

PROJECT CASE STUDY

HISTORICAL RESTORATION



LOCATION: HONG LOK HOUSE — BOSTON, MA

The Hong Lok House is one of the earliest commercial buildings constructed in the “Liberty Tree National Register District”. This legendary meeting place for the Sons of Liberty is where the first act of defiance against the British government and the imposed Stamp Act took place in 1765, leading up to the American Revolution. Although the liberty tree no longer stands, the Hong Lok House is constructed near the very site, behind three unique historic facades.

11-13 Essex Street, the oldest wooden commercial building in Boston, is an Italianate-style building constructed in 1871. Home of Waterman’s and Co. Kitchen Supply until 1905, it later housed various restaurants and prior to the Hong Lok House opening in 1978 was a burlesque house, a remnant of the days when Chinatown contained segments of the adult entertainment Combat Zone.

The facade at 15-17 Essex Street, a brownstone, sandstone and granite masonry building, was completely restored as a part of the project. This Romanesque Revival building was designed by Cummings and Sears in 1875 and for over 3 decades was home to Stern and Co., a sewing machine dealer. As part of the restoration, Fontrick replicated doors and windows on both facades.

PROJECT DETAILS

Architect: Chia-Ming Sze Architect, Inc.

Subcontractor: M&A Architectural Preservation Inc.

Fontrick Products:

- Exterior Stile and Rail Doors
- Exterior Full Lite Square and Radius Top Transoms
- Full Lite Fixed Windows

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