

# 69 Saint Botolph Street

Request for Alterations to Building Entryway

# Name and Contact Details of Designer/ Professionals

John Brown – Door Expert

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# Description of entire scope of work

*Replace existing door and door frame to match historical doors and moldings found at 67 St Botolph St and 15 Garrison St.*

- Remove current front door and side panels (installed in 1980s) to transition from single to double-door*
- Change color of the door and surrounding door frame to black*

# Historical Facts Supporting Proposed Changes

The entrance currently has a single door, but based on the below evidence we believe the original building had double doors:

1. Expert opinion - John Brown – Door Expert
2. Saint Botolph District Study + Massachusetts Historical Commission

# Historical Evidence Supporting Original Configuration of Double Doors: Expert Opinion



John Brown examined the current door and concluded it is not original for three main reasons:

1. There is a hole in the middle of the threshold where the dead bolt would have fit in one of the original doors
2. The wear on the threshold is focused on one side, now covered by a sidelight, where current residents do not walk. This is consistent with a set of doors, not a single door.
3. Interior wood frame (which is original) has original hinge gains that are filled indicating the switch from a set of doors to a single door. The interior wood frame will be retained.

# Historical Evidence Supporting Proposed Changes

## Expert Opinion

Closer Detail of

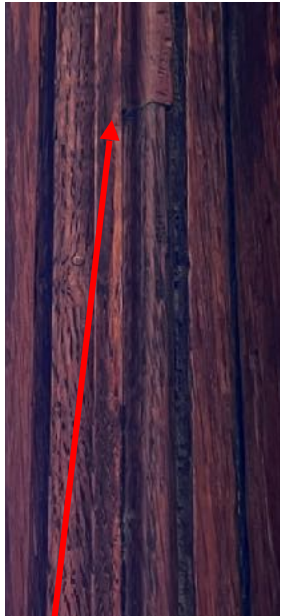
1. Hole for door bolt



2. Threshold wear



3. Original hinge gains



# Historical Evidence Supporting Proposed Changes

Saint Botolph District Study + Massachusetts Historical Commission

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<https://mhc-macris.net/>

According to the Saint Botolph Area District Study Committee Report from 1981, the Architect, Builder, and Owner are the same for the following buildings:

St. Botolph (odd)				
61	1890	F. H. Jones	E. N. Boyden	Seth R. B. Baker
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67	1890	F. H. Jones	E. N. Boyden	Seth R. B. Baker
69	1890	F. H. Jones	E. N. Boyden	Seth R. B. Baker

or additional buildings on Garrison

Garrison (odd)				
13	1890	E. N. Boyden	T. Hurley	Seth R. B. Baker
15	1890	E. N. Boyden	T. Hurley	Seth R. B. Baker
17	1890	E. N. Boyden	T. Hurley	Seth R. B. Baker
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Information available from the Massachusetts Historical Commission corroborates the architect and builder. No specific detail regarding the door is available on the Application for Permit to Build.

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MHC ID	BOS.2415   <a href="#">MACRIS Maps for BOS.2415</a> INVENTORY PDF NOT AVAILABLE	No Photos Available
Historic Name	Baker, Seth R. B. Building	
Common Name	-	
Street Address	69 Saint Botolph St	
City/Town	Boston	
Village/Neighborhood	Saint Botolph;	
Local Number	-	
Year Constructed	1890	
Architects	Boydin, Ernest Niebuhr, Jones, F. H.;	
Architectural Styles	Not researched; Row House;	
Uses	Other Residential;	
Significance	Architecture;	
Areas	<a href="#">BOS.BU: Saint Botolph Street Area</a> <a href="#">BOS.BY: Saint Botolph Street Area Architectural</a>	
Designations	Natl Register DOE (12/29/1977); Local Historic District (11/10/1981); Nat'l Register DOE	

The image shows a handwritten "Application for Permit to Build" form. At the top, it states "Plans must be submitted and approved by this Department before a permit for erection will be granted." The form is dated "Boston, May 8 1890". It is addressed to the "INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS" and includes a statement: "The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build, according to the following specifications:—". The specifications are as follows:

1. Location, No. 69 St Botolph St
2. Nearest cross street? Ward 11
3. Name of Owner? Seth R. Baker
4. " Builder? J. H. Jones
5. " Architect? J. H. Jones
6. Purpose of building? Apartment
7. How many families? 4
8. " " stores? 4

The word "legible." is written vertically on the left side of the form.

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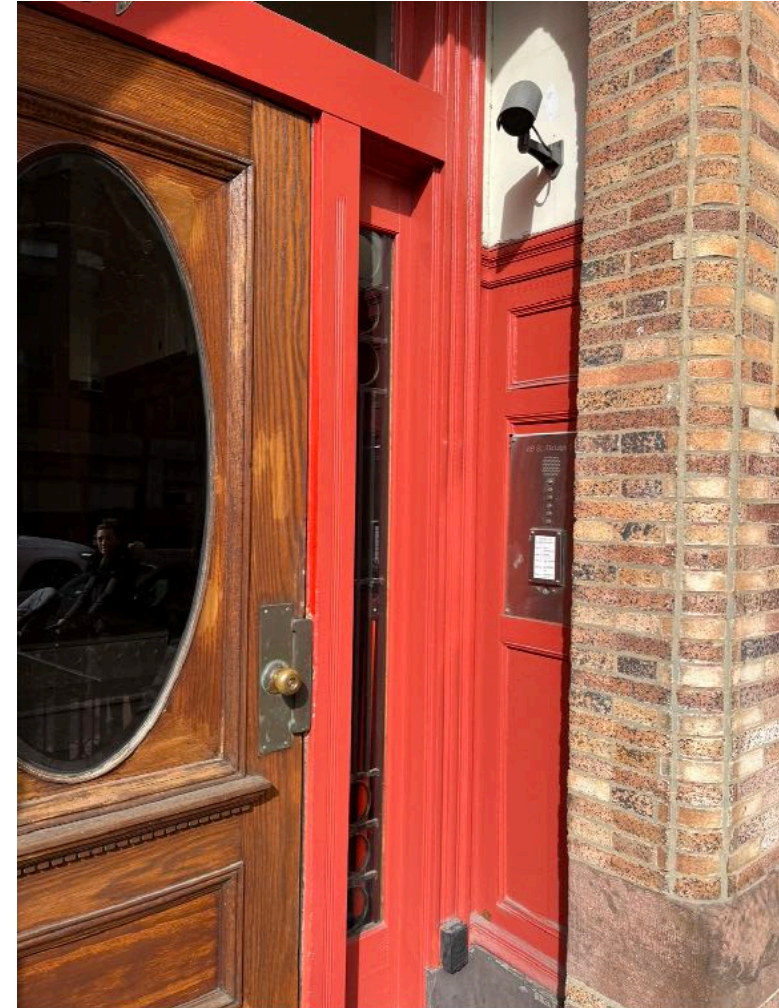
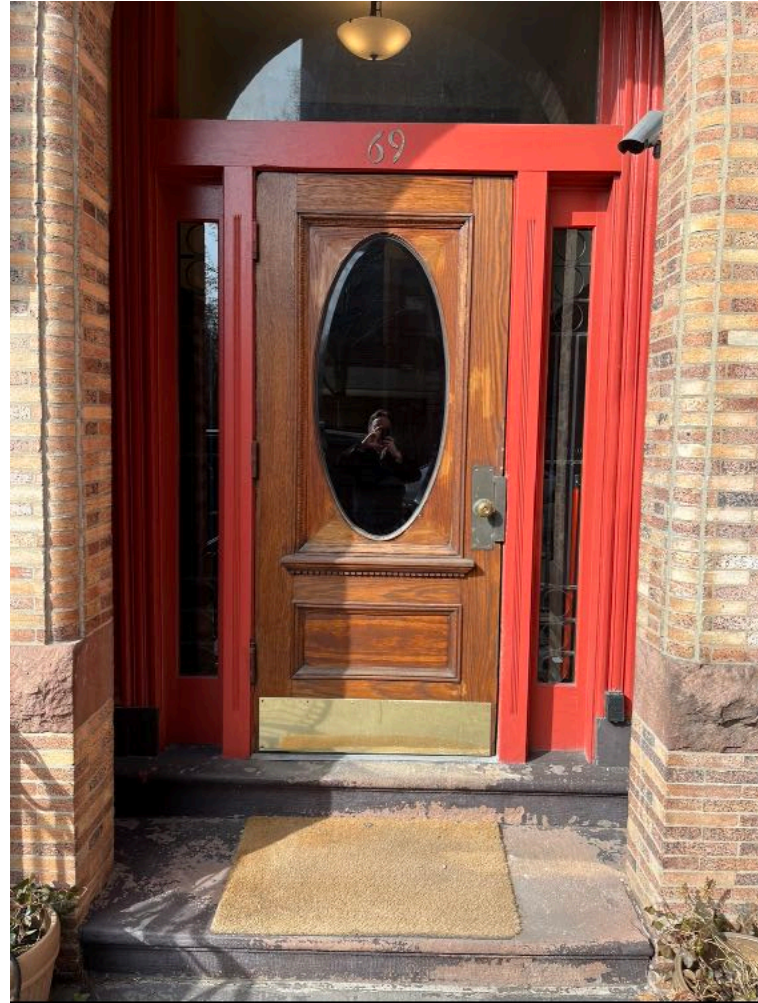
*The doors from 13 and 17  
Garrison have been  
purposefully omitted as they  
are full-length glass doors*

# Existing conditions photographs



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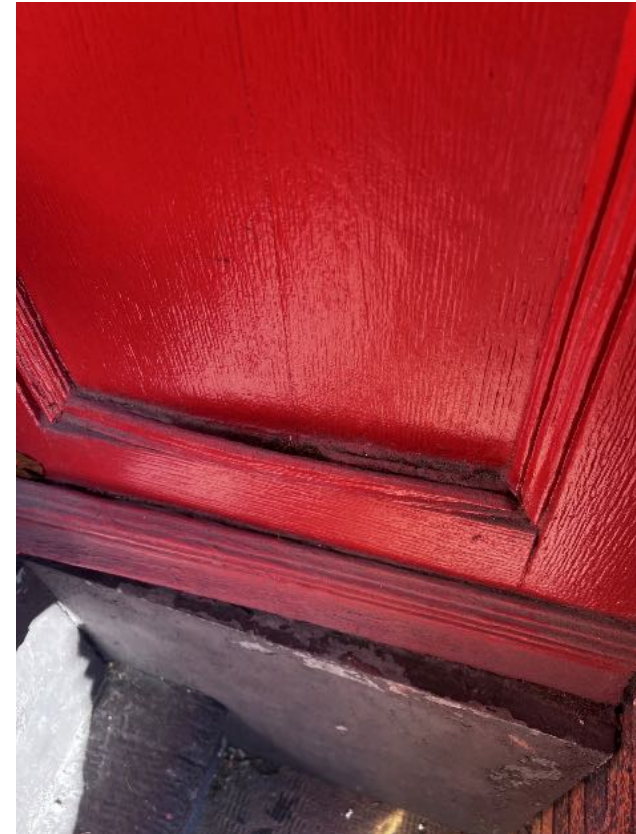
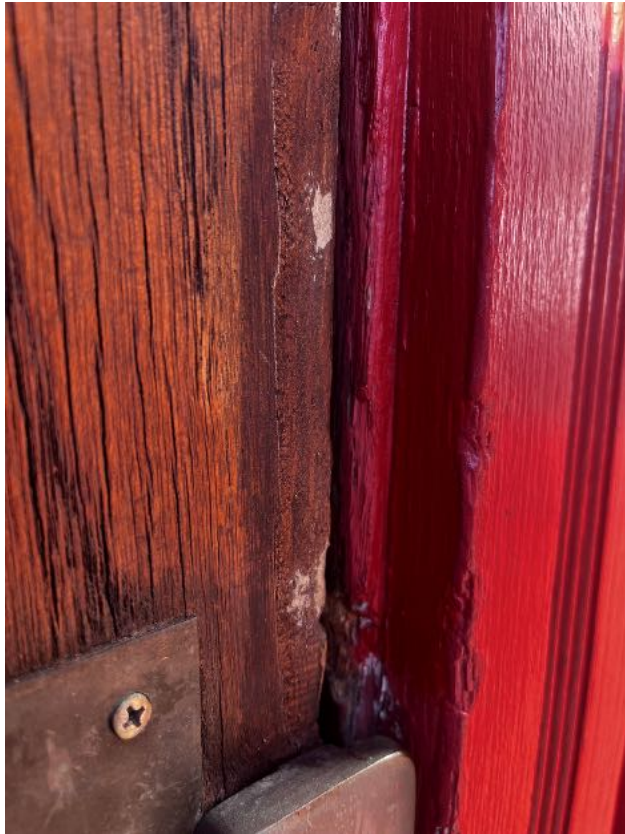
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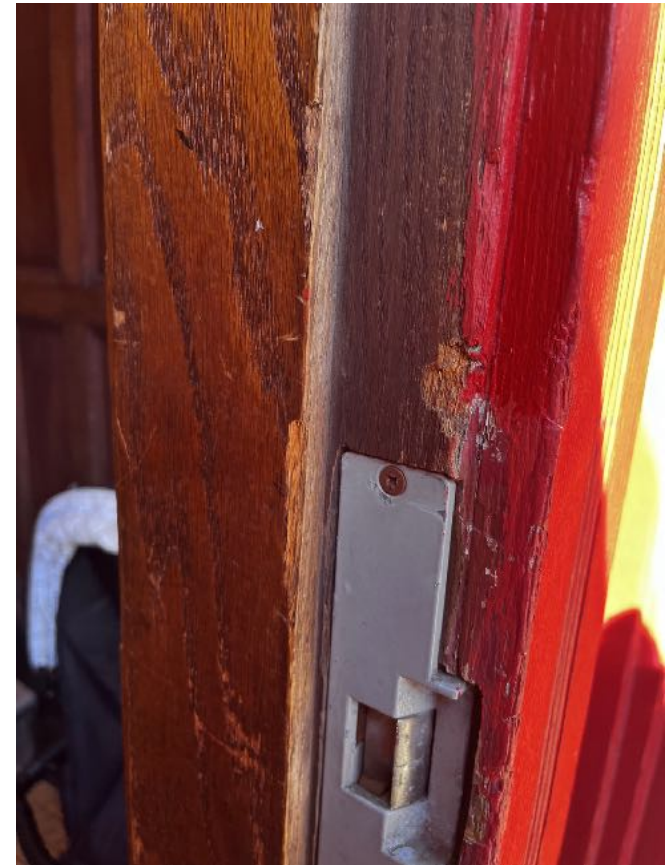
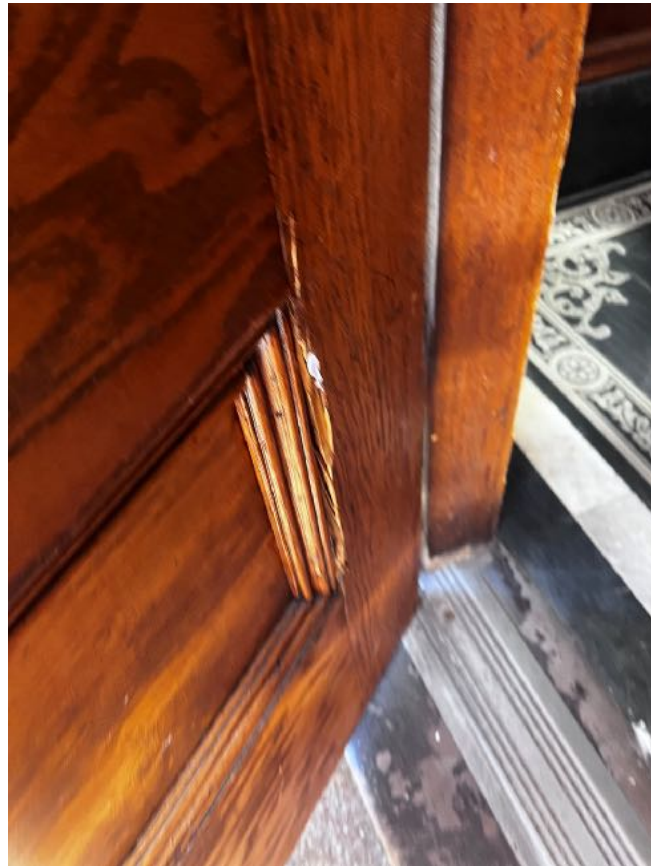
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# Description of how the work will be performed.

*Doors and other framing items to be built off-site.*

*John and his team to prepare the site and then come in the next day to complete the installation.*

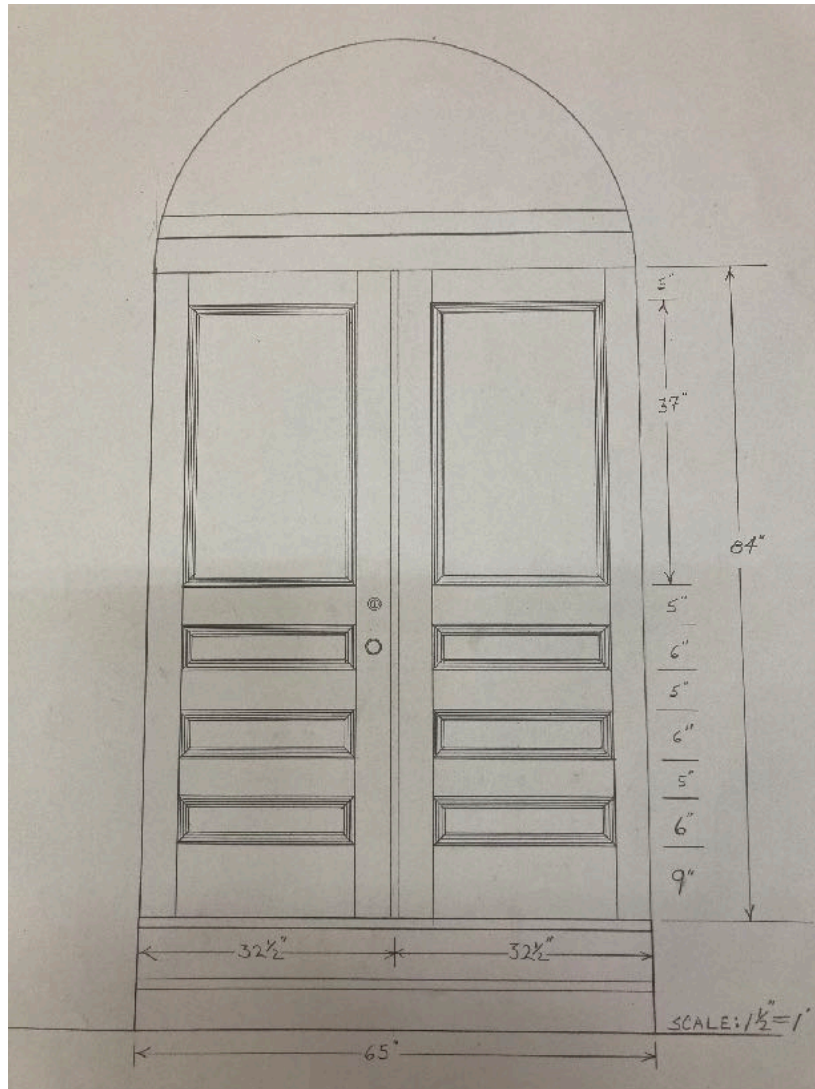
Exact location on the building that will be affected, with photographic support.

*Front of the building, front door entryway.*





# Fully dimensioned drawings and written specifications



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# Show what the building will look like when the proposed work is finished



# Estimated cost of the project

*Estimated door cost: \$15,000*

*Estimated stained glass cost: \$10,000*

*Anticipated Total Cost: \$25,000*