Building is constructed in unusual rhomboid shape. Pilasters divide building into 3 X 4 bays, though west elevation has been unfortunately altered (probably in attempt to 'restore' the building) by removal of pilasters and new clapboard siding. There is a handsome elliptical fanlight over the pediment, which features flush siding. Much of the delicate classical ornamentation has been preserved, despite numerous alterations.

**History and Significance:**
1825 or 1826, James ("Jim") Brown built on the west side of the Cuyahoga R. a "two-story frame store-house, and, with one William C. Taylor, of Cleveland, embarked in trade...." Brown also kept a tavern in the building. Several years later, Brown sold his stock of goods and "removed the building, bodily, across the bridge to the east side of the river, and handsomely refitted it as a hotel...."

Building is situated immediately adjacent to the Ohio Canal bed, now dry; this vividly recalls its historical function as a hotel for canal travelers. The building is in the sleepy village of Boston.

**Sources of Information:**
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Facade and east elevation looking southwest.

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