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Forbes Ave. was opened in 1887 by the prominent local developers J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan. Development was slow and by 1895 there were only four houses constructed. This house was built in th latter part of the 1890's for James O'Brien, a partner with Edward Barrett in a general insurance and real estate agency. Barrett and O'Brien also played an influential part in the turn-of-the-century devel opment of Northampton.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories high with gable end to the street and a small pentroof enclosing the front gable like a pediment with a "Palladian" window within. The second floor of the facade has a recessed porch, while and enclosed porch abd triple windowwith molded cornice and festooned frieze take up the first floor. On the western side is a two-story bay windo w with polygonal roof.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1895 & 1915 Atlases Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 427-P. 541.