



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2 stories tall with slate hipped roof and one-story ell on either side. The five bay facade has twelve over twelve sash windows with those on the second floor being at the eaves line and those in the first floor having heavy cornices. The central entrance has compound pilasters and a pedimented frontispiece.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

During the late 1860s Paradise Rd. was laid out by J.C. Ward for residential purposes. Development was slow though, and the 1873 atlas only shows three houses, including one for Mr. Ward on the site of this house. The Ward house was demolished for this house sometime after 1930. This house is from designs of Karl Putnam, Northampton's most prominent architect of the 20th century. It was built for Smith College and first occupied by the Wakeman Family. Most recently the house has been used for the College chaplain.

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