

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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City Northampton

Address 36 Butler Place

Name Leo H. Porter House

Present use residence

Present owner Margaret O. Andrus

Description:

1893-1895

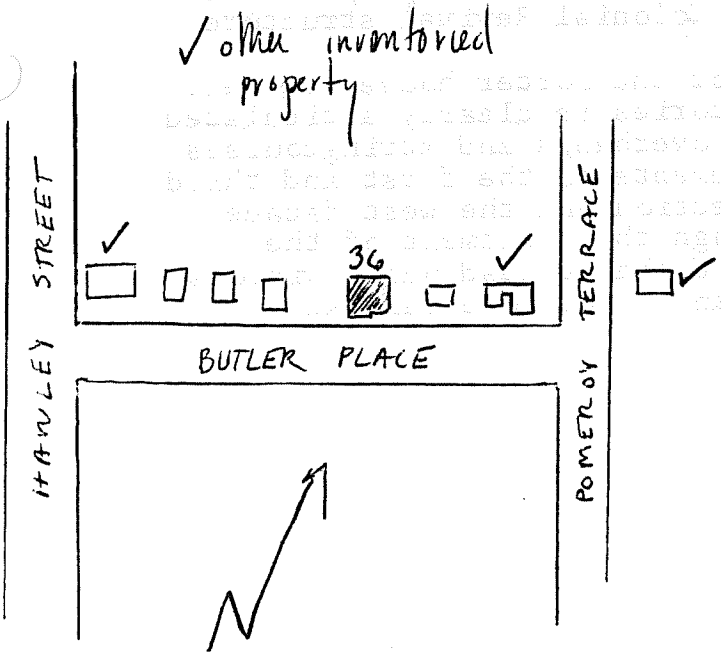
Registry of Deeds 458.178

Source 1895 Northampton Atlas

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

4. Map. Draw sketch of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric thin clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features Ridge Roof, massive

gambrel roofed dormer; Palladian

motifs W & E facades; portico with carving in pediment

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 61 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

10 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date May 15, 1975

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USGS Quadrant _____
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7. Original owner (if known) Leo H. Porter
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Butler Place was opened in 1892 at which time Sarah M. Butler divided the Butler land extending from Hawley Street to Pomeroy Terrace into a dozen or so parcels. Leo Porter purchased a small lot, #5, in 1893 with the agreement that "the grantee agrees not to erect any building nearer than 12' from the inside line of the sidewalk." (458.178) A house whose proportions closely approximate those of the Colonial Revival structure is indicated on the 1895 Atlas.

The interlocking masses of the Porter house are well integrated. Each of the three stories is clearly articulated in the facade through the use of overhangs and stringcourses and confinement of decorative elements to the first and third floors. The massive gambreled section and the west facade feature Palladian motifs, although the treatment of the window panes refers to the diamond shaped lead paned windows of the colonial period rather than to the more fanlike Palladian window.

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

Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County: 1378.179, 1322.428, 1154.456, 1099.173, 1077.397, 1056.383, 711.492, 711.98, 711.183, 516.203, 466.171, 458.178; Plan of land 448.259, Plan 34.68, 34.32.

Reference on architect: 1/12/1894

R. F. Rutnam and L. D. Bayley, began to practice in Northampton in 1894 designed residences, commercial blocks & factory buildings