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The Landmarks of Federal Hill: Historical Broadway Armory

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As we mentioned in our previous article, we would give in further detail, the inventory of those structures which are, or have been proposed to be registered on the National Register of Historic Places, in the Broadway-Armory Historic District. The following is a list of those homes by street names and addresses:

ALMY STREET - 19, 20, 30 (The George A. Mathewson House, built about 1870), 106;

BELL STREET - 4 (The James Eddy Estate, built around 1870)

BAINBRIDGE AVENUE - 20, 26-28;

BRIDGHAM STREET - 126 (Sweet-Tillington House, built around 1840).

BRIGHTON STREET - 4, 36-38 (The F.M. Ballon House, built around 1870).

BROADWAY - 198-198 (The Thurber House, built around 1896), 202 (The Thomas P. Impey, Jr. House, built around 1870), 218 (The C. Akerman House, built around 1870), 220 (The C.A. Kerman House, built around 1840), 232 (a dwelling, built around 1890), 235 (The William H. Low Estate, built around 1850), 243-245 (The Johnson-Spink House, built around 1870), 264-270 (Uptown Theatre, built around 1900), 289 (The Aurora Club, built around 1890), 196 (The Eddy Estate, built between 1870 and 1885), 336 (a dwelling built around 1890), 344 (a dwelling built around 1885), 345-347 (Dwelling built around 1880), 354 (The H.E. Warmell House, built around 1865), 363-266 (The H. Knight House, built around 1835), 372 (A home built around 1892), 376-378 (Dwelling built around 1885) 380 (The George W. Babcock House), built around 1870), 386 (A home built around 1880) 401 (The George T. Spicer House, built around 1870), 402 (The Saint James Church, built around 1891), 409-411 (A dwelling built around 1885), 412-426 (A row house, built around 1870), 446 (A dwelling built about 1883).

454 (The George A. Richards House, built about 1860), 463 (The John E. Troup House, built about 1885), 466 (The Harriet E. Fuller House, built around 1870), 477 (A dwelling built about 1890), 478 (The J.B. Arnold Estate, built about 1870), 484 (The George T. Practice House, built about 1870), 529 (A dwelling built around 1890), 538 (The Saint Mary's Parish House, built about 1885, and the Saint Mary's Church, built about 1870).

14 DEXTER STREET - The Stillman Perkins Home, built around 1840 to 1860. This 1½ story Greek Revival home, with later added Victorian mansard roof. Please note the paneled corner pilasters and Greek Revival entranceway. This home was owned in 1875, by Stillman Perkins, an iron molder, with a business at 316 High Street.

Dexter Street - The Nicholas A. Fenner house, built around 1840. A 2½ story Early Victorian bracketed house, with cross-gable roof and pedimented gables, with much details and dentils. The facade contains bracketed segmental front bay windows, with fluted pilasters and Doric porch, which is topped by square oriel and fluted pilasters. It is a very ornate and detailed built home. It was built for Nicholas Fenner, a machinist, who was employed by the New England Butt Company on Pearl Street.

4 PALLAS STREET - Fire Station #9, built around 1857. This is a two story Early Victorian, romanesque, all brick fire station, with gable roof, and corbeling under eaves (intricate design under cap of roof), the balanced facade (front), contains round headed center entry and windows. This building was used in the early 1900's for a Bad Boys' School. Recently used for the Veterans' Club of Rhode Island.

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Carpenter Street - 283 (A dwelling built around 1880), 300 (The James F. Johnson House, built about 1870), 352-290 (The William S. Huntoon Apartments, built about 1880);

CHAPIN AVENUE - 1S-15 (A dwelling built about 1880), 61 (A dwelling built around 1885);

COURTLAND STREET - 106 (The John W. Windsor Estate, built around 1880), 153-153 (The S.A. Winnor House, built about 1830), 167-169 (The William S. Huntoon Apartments built about 1880);
CRANSTON STREET - The Cranston Street Armory, built about 1907, 459-475 (The Ebenezer Baptist Church, built about 1890);

DEXTER STREET - 14 (The Stillman Perkins House, built about 1860), 26 (The N.A. Fenner House, built about 1865), 40-42 (The John P. Smith House, built about 1870), 78-80 (Dwelling built around 1886);

HARKNESS STREET - 14 (A Carriage House, built about 1870);

HOLLYWOOD ROAD - 25 (A dwelling built about 1893);

HUDSON STREET - 78 (A dwelling built about 1880);

KNIGHT STREET - 184 (Dwelling built about 1895), 225 (W.B. Wightman House, built about 1882), 243-245 (A dwelling built about 1865);

MARSHALL STREET - 72 (Dwelling built around 1840), 78 (Dwelling built about 1840);

MESSER STREET - 158 (The Asa Messer School, built around 1891);

PALLAS STREET - 4 (A Fire Station #9, built about 1856), 6-10 (The T.F. Pierce Apartments, built about 1880);

PARADE STREET - 11 (Dwelling built about 1880), 14-16 (Dwelling built around 1880), 25 (The William B. Greene Estate, built about 1875), 53 (The H.A. Richards House, built about 1890), 61 (The N. Truman Estate, built about 1870), 77 (The J.C. Hartshorn Estate, built about 1880), 81 (Dwelling built about 1890), 105-107 (The A.H. Preston House, built around 1875), 125 (Dwelling built about 1866);

PIERCE STREET - 27 (The George W. Snow House, built about 1850);

SLOCUM STREET - 8 (Carriage House, built about 1887);

SUTTON STREET - 157-159 (The Eddy Estate Carriage House, built about 1875);

SYCAMORE STREET - 11 (Dwelling built about 1840);

TOBY STREET - 83-85 (Dwelling built about 1890);

WESTMINSTER STREET - 1192 (The Charles Dudley House, built about 1850), 1208 (The G.A. Cole House, built about 1825), 1388-1392 (The Williams-Perrin House, built about 1870), 1440 (Dwelling built about 1890), 1447 (Dwelling built about 1887), 1508 (The Fred Burgess Estate, built about 1850), 1536 (The Sarah Irons House, built about 1845);

WILLOW STREET - 99 (The Willow Street School, built around 1860).

To be continued

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21 PALLAS STREET - The Betsy Hudson House, built around 1840. This is a 2½ story, three bay Greek Revival house, with a pedimented gable roof, paneled pilasters, and one story Doric portico at the side front. The use of roof brackets indicates the transition to Early Victorian Style.

10-18 PIERCE STREET - The Brigham Junior High School, built in 1915. This is a three story, early 20th Century-Beaux Arts school building, with granite entrance and granite string courses in brick walls. This lot was created in 1886, and was purchased by the City of Providence in 1914.

40-42 DEXTER STREET - The John P. Smith House, built around 1870. A magnificent 2½ story Late Victorian two-family house, with patterned slate mansard roof, brackets and dormers. The bracketed Italianate portico still retains its interesting iron cresting.