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The Landmarks of Federal Hill: Historic districts of Federal Hill

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I have dwelt at length with the Historic Districts of Federal Hill, because of the importance of the dwellings that are still in existence, which are a carry-over of the first homes erected in this area. These homes are structures which represent a period of the past, and fortunately, have been preserved to this date. They should continue to be preserved, in order that the fine architecture, the opulence of the era, and the pattern of development of the past, can still be seen, and to the direction that Federal Hill developed, and how it radiated from certain focal points.

All those who are owners of these homes that are on the Historical Register, or have been proposed to be on this Historical Register, or feel that they have a home that should be listed on this Historical Register, should make every effort to continue to preserve these homes, in order that history can be preserved, and these beautiful dwellings, which have endured time, on Federal Hill, may continue to carry on the story of the growth of this area to future generations. They will have visible evidence of the past, in these homes and designs which are vivid examples of the transition periods that existed, and that Federal Hill has experienced.

Today, I have included a map of the "Federal Hill Historic District," which highlights the streets and the address numbers. The entire area that is now considered the Broadway-Armory Historic District, may be seen on this map, and is enclosed within a broken line. Also, in today's articles, are included a number of magnificent homes which still exist, which are a product of the past, which today, are difficult, and impossible, to reproduce.

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The Broadway-Armory Historic District, 1959
61 Parade Street - "The Nathan Truman Estate", built around 1870. This 2½ story Late Victorian house, has a flared mansard, modillions, and dormers. The scaled Italianate porch, with windows, bracketed capitals, and sills, and stones (ornate finish). This home was built by a partner in the Truman & Tayler Furniture Dealers, who were located at 107 Westminster Street.

78-80 Dexter Street - This residence was built in 1886. It is a 2½ story, two-family, late Victorian-Queen Anne type home, with a very ornate slate mansard roof, dentils, and dormers. The fine work on the ornate two-story Queen Anne porch has cast metal foliage, rooster and date on it.

77 Parade Street - "The J.C. Hartshorn Estate", built around 1890. This beautiful 2½ story Late Victorian-Queen Anne type home, was designed by architect E.L. Nickerson, with irregular cross gable roof. The detailing includes 3 ornate chimneys, mixed clapboards, and shingle wallcover, the elaborate porch under main gable of roof, and various windows, including several stained glass windows. This is truly one of the many beautiful homes in the Parade Street - Hollywood Road section.

16 Parade Street - This dwelling was built around 1880. It is a 2½ story Late Victorian, sizable two-family house, with bracketed slate mansard roof. It contains a double portico, with iron cresting. There is extensive detail to the jets, overhangs, and the finish work.

25 Parade Street - "The William B. Greene Estate", built around 1878. This is a 2½ story Late Victorian elaborate home, with a slate mansard roof, brackets, modillions, and dormers, including a central "sunbonnet gable". This lot was created in 1877. The owner was a member of Greene, Anthony & Co., that conducted its business at 100 Weybosset Street.

11 Parade Street - Built around 1880. This 1½ story late Victorian house, with a slate mansard roof, has a trim which includes brackets, modillion, and iron cresting, and an Italianate portico. The windows have very ornate capitals (caps).