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The Landmarks of Federal Hill: "The Broadway-Armory Historic District" (February 21, 1980)

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Landmarks

“The Broadway-Armory Historic District”

This week, we continue with a series of pictures and descriptions of homes along the Broadway-Armory Historic District. These pictures, you will notice, are of the more elaborate and well-designed homes of the outlying district of Federal Hill. These homes indicate the pattern of radiation that these dwellings were built along. This would indicate and reflect, not only the beauty of the homes that were being erected, but would also indicate the opulence of the era which was expressed in the homes being built.

I repeat, all those owners of these homes, that are on the Historical Register, or have been proposed to be on this Historical Register, should make every effort to register them with the Historical Register. They should continue to preserve these homes, in order that the history that has been made, can be preserved and these beautiful dwellings, which have endured time on Federal Hill, may continue to carry the story and growth of these areas.

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Photos by Vicario
53 Parade Street - "The H.A. Richards House" - Built around 1830. A 2½ story Federal-type house, with a gable roof. This home, apparently, had had a remodeled entrance. It has paneled pilasters, a very elaborate vestibule, with sidelights enclosed in a Victorian-like porch. This is the earliest house overlooking the park, which was created in 1828.

81 Parade Street - This residence was built around 1890. It is a beautiful 2½ story Late Victorian-Queen Anne type home, designed by E.L. Nickerson, with an irregular cross-gable roof, and iron cresting. The facade (front) has a recessed entrance under the main gable of the roof. There are a variety of windows, and a mixture of wallcover. There is an iron and bronzedstone railing, which it shares with Number 77 Parade Street.

105-107 Parade Street - "The A.H. Preston House" - Built around 1875. A massive 2½ story Late Victorian-style double home, with a mansard roof. It has a reversed L-shape plan which contains entrances in angles with Italianate porches, and double doors. It was built for Augustus H. Preston, a partner in Preston & Brown, fruit dealers, with a business located at 22 and 24 Pine Street.

125 Parade Street - This home was built around 1886. It is a 2½ story Late Victorian Queen Anne two-family home. The roof is in a regular hip, with cross-gable, and a hexagonal corner turret. The detailing includes dentiled cornice and an attractive front porch on Chapin Avenue, with turned posts and flat solid arches, with incised patterns. This is an important corner siting.

1208 Westminster Street - "The G.A. Cole House" - Built about 1825. This is a 2½ story Federal-type home, with a hip roof, and a monitor. It contains an excellent doorway with wood fanlight, which was altered by addition of Late Victorian oriel (ornamentation) on second floor.

27 Pierce Street - "The George W. Snow House" - Built around 1850. It is a three story early Victorian house, with a flat roof, and wide bracketed eaves. The entrance is a bracketed Italianate portico, with lunette.