

19 Stimson Ave

Plat 11
Lot 16

Joseph E. Fletcher house, by Stone, Carpenter & Willson, 1890. Large two-and-one-half-storey dwelling faced in brick and red slate with stone and wood trim, above a foundation of cut brownstone and below a steep, slate, end-to-street, gabled roof; broad entrance porch and two large, ornamented dormers on east side; set upon a large lawn and with a carriage house in matching style to the rear; an outstanding and well maintained example of the Queen Anne Style: very picturesque in outline and adornment although nevertheless symmetrical in facade; some formalised Colonial Revival detailing (balustrades etc.) introduced here and there. Exceedingly important to area and ambience.

No. 19 Stimson Avenue, the Joseph E. Fletcher house of 1890, was designed by the Providence firm of Stone, Carpenter and Willson and is probably the architectural "gem" of the district. - It displays an expert and imaginative handling of a great variety of materials: stone, red pressed brick, wood, slate, metal, and ornamental insertions of stained glass. Its setting, at one end of a flat lawn and with overhanging gable-end to the street, suggests the asymmetry typical of "Queen Anne" design; but the main (eastern) front presents an elaborate but perfectly-balanced facade centered by a balustraded porch with bay windows above and, above them, picturesque dormers. A number of Colonial Revival details are used in pleasing contrast to the bays, peaked dormers, and tall chimneys so typical of the "Queen Anne" style. The columns, ramped rails and turned balusters of the entrance porch and the finely-executed cornice of a reeding-band with modillions above are all drawn from colonial sources.

1889, July to 1897, Nov. - Tax Records - Charles Fletcher
1892-1896 - Providence House Directory - Joseph E. Fletcher, Asst. treasurer and vice-pres. National and Providence Worsted Mills
treas. Saranac Worsted Mills
(in 1890 lived at 7 John St.)

Joseph E. Fletcher (August 1866- 1924)
family of wool manufacturers
in 1906 one of prime organizers of the American Association of
Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers
in banking as well
1914 - assumed management of Narragansett Hotel - retired 1917

1897 - House Directory - ^{1910 - married} ~~vacant~~ not listed
1897, Nov. to 1900, July - Tax Records - Frederick C. Sayles, Pawtucket

1898-1900 - House Directory - Frederick C. Sayles, Jr., treasurer, Providence Albertype Co.

1900, July to 1911, Nov. - Tax Records - Frederick C. Sayles, Jr. - at one time was Mayor
1908 - Atlas - Frederick C. Sayles, Jr. of Pawtucket

1911 - House Directory - vacant
1911, Nov. to 1928, Dec. - Grace M. Reynolds - Tax Records

1928, Dec. to 1939, Feb. - Tax Records - R.I. Hospital Trust Co., trustee
1939, Feb. to 1955, Dec. - " " - R. Foster Reynolds
1955, Dec. to 1977, Dec. - " " - Eleanor A. Reynolds for life
1977, Dec. to 1978, Nov. 2 - " " - R. Foster Reynolds, Jr.
Nov. 2, 1978 - Central Congregational Church 1208/1197

Sept. 29, 1924 - Col. Joseph E. Fletcher died suddenly aboard his yacht - in 59th year
prominent woolen manufacturer
owner Narragansett Hotel
2 million dollar estate
mansion at 151 Waterman St. and estate at Maplevil

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Joseph E. Fletcher 1924

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