

8 Stimson Ave . 1897

Plat 11  
Lot 8  
(included  
Lot 110  
until 1920)

Thomas B. Potter house (now International House), probably by Edward I. Nickerson, c. 1897. Long, angular structure of two stories of yellow brick below a high chateau-style slate roof with large, gabled dormers; inset corner entrance porch with copper columns; some Colonial Revival detail; intended formality and eclectic eclecticism.

Site: Land owned by Truman Beckwith

1875 Atlas and 1908 Atlas indicate house built on land partly owned  
by Amos Beckwith (No. 2 Stimson Ave.)

*Tax Records - Nov. 1891  
Nicholas Sheldon - to March 1912*

No. 8 Stimson Avenue is the Thomas B. Potter house, built in 1897, a good--if somewhat overbearing--example of the eclectic use of Colonial Revival detail in combination with a French-chateau-inspired roof and a formal, solidly-horizontal main mass of yellow Roman brick. Many of its Colonial Revival features are executed and underscored in copper facings; the arched dormers of the third story, the curving central bay of the second story; a fine modillioned cornice at eaves-level; the recessed entrance porch at the southwest with its five Ionic columns backed by pilaster responds against the body of the house. Its architect, Edward I. Nickerson, was noted for his use of traditional forms in an unconventional manner, his emphasis on ornamentation and the use of a variety of materials; and this structure is a fine and typical example of Nickerson's taste and usage.

(1894 & 1896 - not listed in Providence House Directory)

( B. Thomas Potter lived at 219 Hope St in 1896)

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1897 - 1903 B. Thomas Potter, real estate  
1905 - " " " " , and Charles L. Green, physician  
1907 - " " " "

Atlas - 1908 - indicates Nicholas Sheldon owns one large lot including both  
2 Stimson and 8 Stimson Ave.

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1909 & 1911 - vacant  
1913-1920 Miss Rebecca O. Sheldon

*Tax Records - March 1912 to June 1936  
Helen S. Potter*