

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 40-15
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Stevens Institute COMMON NAME:
 LOCATION: 34-48 Fifth Street (between BLOCK/LOT 227/1
 River & Hudson)
 MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken COUNTY: Hudson
 USGS QUAD: UTM REFERENCES:
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Zone/Northing/Easting
 First Institute bldg.

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1875

Source of Date:

Architect: Richard Upjohn

Builder:

Style: 3

Form/Plan Type: (originally an E-shaped plan)

Number of Stories:

Foundation: Empire and Gothic

Exterior Wall Fabric: Stone

Fenestration: 2/2 Wood sash

Roof/Chimneys:

Additional Architectural Description: The random pattern of exterior stone contrast; with the smooth Gothic arch lintels.

The tower, which was illustrated in a 1876 Harper's magazine with a steep pitched roof, apparently never had a roof but was always truncated as it is at present.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

A number of tall institute buikdings of possible 1950 vintage are to the rear and to the east of this building.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☒ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

Across from Stevens Park. To the rear is the hall and entrance to the Stevens campus.

SIGNIFICANCE:

One of the most distinctive of Hoboken's buildings and worthy of landmark status because of the fame of its architect.

ORIGINAL USE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Hopefully, no threat.

PRESENT USE:

Fair ☐ Poor ☐
No ☐ Part of District ☐
Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: J. Sholeen
ORGANIZATION: C.D.A.

DATE: 9/25/78

NORTH SIDE



(Garden to Park) 216 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-11



212, 210 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-10

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NORTH SIDE



208, 206 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-9



204, 202, 200 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-8

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NORTH SIDE



(Park to Willow Aves.) 266-260 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-15



258,256 Fifth St.
neg. # 8-14

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 8-12, 14-32
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Hoboken Free Public
 LOCATION: 250-54 5th St. Library
 (501-506 Park)
 MUNICIPALITY: Hoboken
 USGS QUAD:
 OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME:
 BLOCK/LOT 167/24
 COUNTY: Hudson
 UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1896

Source of Date: Bicentennial Comes to
Hoboken

Architect:

Builder: Stevens Family

Style: 2nd Ren. Rev.

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 3

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric: Stone 1st story, Yellow brick with brownstone quoins in 2nd & 3rd stories. Arched window transoms in 1st two stories.

Fenestration:

Roof/Chimneys:

Additional Architectural Description:

Columns and pilasters flank entry with elaborate scroll-like pediment (with owl) over entry. Corner section of building protrudes to emphasize tower motif. Eight sided dome on top of corner. Elaborate terracotta bands above 2nd & 3rd stories. Massive copper cornice. Urns flank dome and similar urnlike motif is over entrance bay to school of industrial education (at North end of Park Ave. side of building.)



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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

On North side of Church Square Park. One of four large buildings flanking park (along with two schools and Church).

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☒ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

Elaborate example of style with unusual elements above 3rd story, especially dome and urns around it.

ORIGINAL USE: Library

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☒

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐

No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

PRESENT USE: Library

Fair ☐ Poor ☐

No ☐ Part of District ☒

Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐

REFERENCES:

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