

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	CHI.32
Historic Name:	Page, Irving H. House
Common Name:	Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Rectory
Address:	319 Broadway
City/Town:	Chicopee
Village/Neighborhood:	Chicopee Falls
Local No:	101
Year Constructed:	1908
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Rectory; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Religion
Area(s):	CHI.AE: Lincoln Grove
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Brown Stone; Glass; Wood; Wood Shingle



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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In Area no.

Form no.

101



1. Town Chicopee

Address 319 Broadway 404 BD

Name Irving H. Page Mansion

Present use rectory for St. Patrick's Church

Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield

3. Description:

Date 1908

Source Springfield Daily Republican

Style Queen Anne

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) 3 car garage

Other features dormer windows, ribbon windows, five porches, brownstone, porte cochere, three chimneys

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 280'

Approximate distance of building from street 80'

6. Recorded by Karen R. Bogdanovich

Organization Chicopee Historical Comm.

Date July 8, 1976

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) Irving H. Page

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates parish rectory from 1938

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u>X</u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u>X</u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u>X</u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u>X</u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u>X</u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Irving H. Page was the son of Amos, the founder of the Lamb Knitting Machine Company. I.H. Page was president and treasurer of the J. Stevens Arms Co., and of the Stevens-Duryea Automobile Co., treasurer of the Page-Storms Drop Forge Co., President of the Page Chocolate Co. and director of various other businesses in Chicopee.

While Page was still living on Pine Street in Chicopee Falls in a house built for him by his father, he bought the old Mansion lot on Broadway. The old Mansion house was a popular roadhouse built about 1850 by Harmon Rowley. Later it was bought by the Chicopee Manufacturing Co. and used as housing for their employees, including the first Polish people who came to the city. The roadhouse was later dismantled and moved to Grattan Street.

Work on the Page mansion began in 1908. It is in the Queen Anne style of architecture with a brownstone porte cochere on the North side and a large, brownstone, semi-circular porch on the South side. Dormer windows occur at every angle and height on the roof. The many combinations of fenestration gives the house much of its complexity. Windows are single, in twos, threes or whole ribbons along the wall. Some windows have tracery or stained glass; some are broken by transoms and mullions. The front door, beneath a centered, pedimented porch with brownstone pillars, has an archtrave and cornice punctuated with wood carving, toplights and wide, leaded glass sidelights.

The house remained in the Page family until 1926 when Irving's wife Alice died. The Pages left a fortune and established the Page fund of Chicopee to help needy students with educational costs. \$10,000 was left to the Chicopee Public Library.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 753 385

1908, 1909 Chicopee City Directories

Springfield Daily Republican, 12-6-1908, Building Records; 1-18-1908, p. 12