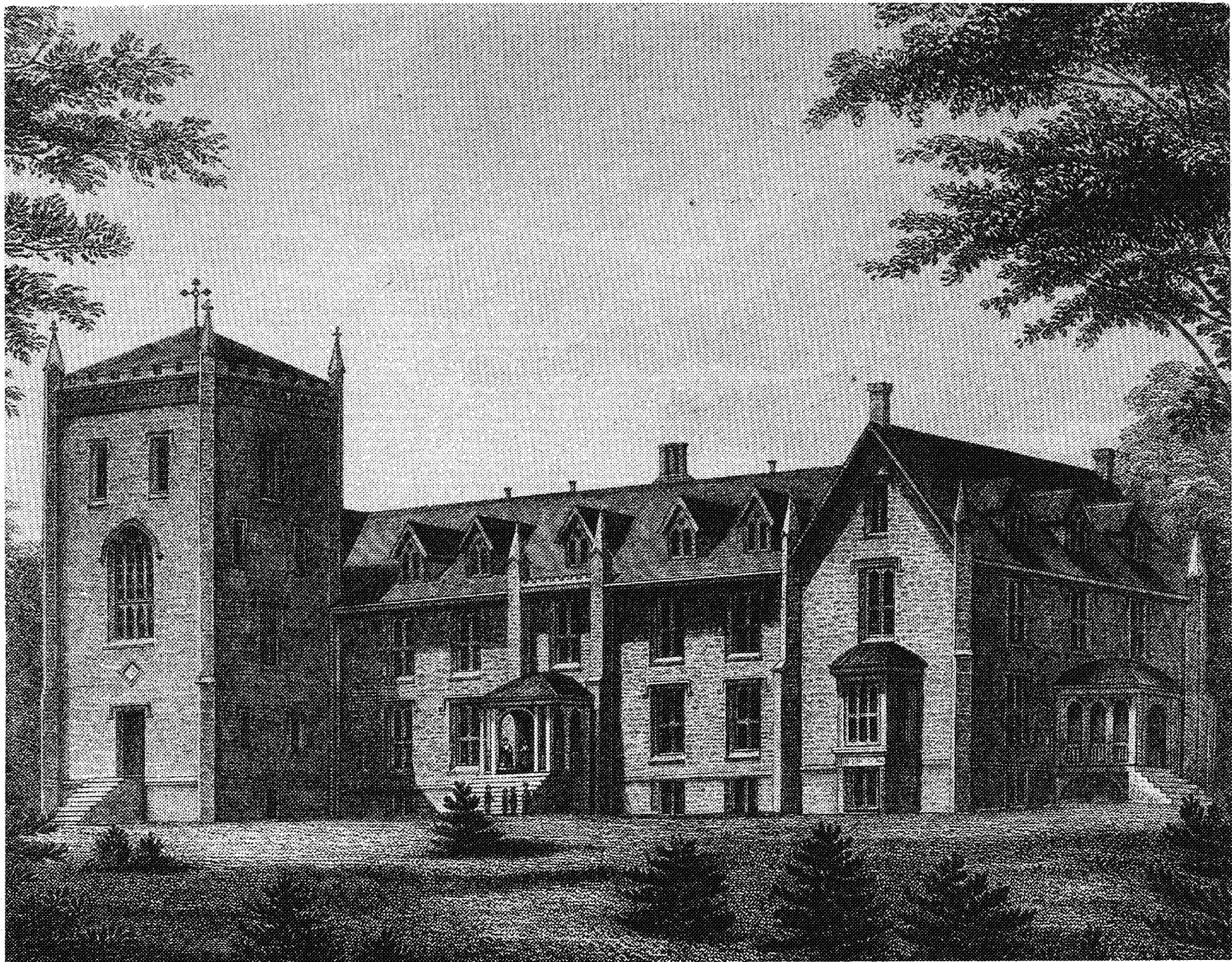


ROCKPOINT STREET



Episcopal Institute

Rock Point

Child's Gazetteer 1882

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HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

78-A-286

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

Bishop Hopkin Hall

PRESENT USE:

school

ORIGINAL USE:

school

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent  Good

Fair  Poor

STYLE:

Gothic Revival

DATE BUILT:

1887

COUNTY: Chittenden  
 TOWN: Burlington  
 LOCATION: Rock Point School, Rock Point  
 COMMON NAME:  
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: school  
 OWNER:  
 ADDRESS:  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
 Yes  No  Restricted   
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 Local  State  National

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block
2. Wall Structure
  - a. Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon
  - b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete  Concrete Block
  - c. Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle  Shiplap  Novelty  Asbestos Shingle  Sheet Metal  Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer  Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - a. Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete
  - b. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle  Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys

Sheds  Ells  Wings  Bay Window  Other: porte-cochere

Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel

Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast

With Parapet  With False Front  Other:

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 9 x 3

Entrance Location: center

Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat  Zoning  Roads  Development  Deterioration  Alteration  Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive  Negative  Mixed  Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Massing - "H" shaped plan with modern addition on north east elevation. Rock faced, ran down coursed stone. Stone water table. 1 x 7 bay veranda across facade. Stone quoins. Flat, 2 point arch on porte cochere.  
Fenestration - 2/2 sash. Round headed and 2 point arch window openings.  
Entrance - Altered.  
Enrichments - Quoins, turned posts, polychromatic stone.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

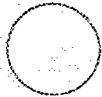
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Built in 1887 by the Episcopal diocese as a girls' school to complement the boys' school in the Institute. It was funded largely through a gift of John P. Howard, Burlington's greatest benefactor in the Victorian age of philanthropic tycoons. In the early twentieth century it became a private girls' boarding school, attended by, among others, Amelia Earhardt.

REFERENCES:

1890, Sanborn maps; directories; Rann, p. 217.

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Land  Woodland   
 Scattered Buildings   
 Moderately Built Up   
 Densely Built Up   
 Residential  Commercial   
 Agricultural  Industrial   
 Roadside Strip Development   
 Other:

RECORDED BY:

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PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

"Episcopal Residence"

PRESENT USE:

residence

ORIGINAL USE:

residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent  Good

Fair  Poor

STYLE:

Colonial Revival (Tudor)

DATE BUILT:

COUNTY:	Chittenden
TOWN:	Burlington
LOCATION:	Bishops House, Rock Point
COMMON NAME:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	dwelling
OWNER:	
ADDRESS:	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block

2. Wall Structure

a. Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon

b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete

Concrete Block

c. Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle

Shiplap  Novelty  Asbestos Shingle  Sheet Metal

Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer

Bonding Pattern: Other:

4. Roof Structure common

a. Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete

b. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle

Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys

Sheds  Ells  Wings  Bay Window  Other: veranda, bow bay window

Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel

Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast

With Parapet  With False Front  Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 6 x 5

Entrance Location: center

Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat  Zoning  Roads

Development  Deterioration

Alteration  Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive  Negative

Mixed  Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Massing - H shape plan. Enclosed veranda on rear elevation. Entry accentuated by pavilion and columned porch. Side entrance porch and bow window on southwest elevation. Cropped eaves. Gables terminate in feet.  
Fenestration - 1/1 sash. Stone lintels, wood sills. Oculus in gables.  
Entrance - Multipaneled Colonial Revival door.  
Enrichments - Colonial Revival Doric columns.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

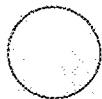
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Probably built c. 1890 as a residence for the bishop of the Vermont Episcopal diocese, a function which it still performs.

REFERENCES:

1890 Hopkins map, city directories.

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Roadside Strip Development   
Other:

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PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
Vt. Episcopal Institute

PRESENT USE: convention center  
ORIGINAL USE: seminary

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:  
Rev. J. H. Hopkins

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:  
Rev. J. H. Hopkins

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
Excellent  Good   
Fair  Poor

STYLE: Gothic Revival

DATE BUILT: c. 1859

COUNTY: Chittenden  
TOWN: Burlington  
LOCATION: Rock Point Institute

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER:  
ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
Yes  No  Restricted

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
Local  State  National

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

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- Wall Structure
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Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
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Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Location: center & side

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
No Threat  Zoning  Roads  Development  Deterioration  Alteration  Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
Positive  Negative  Mixed  Other:



ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Massing - Rectangular block with bell tower on west elevation and transverse gable addition on east elevation. South & east elevation entry porches. Canted bay window on south facade. Stone water table. Corner buttresses with pointed wood caps.

Fenestration - 2/2, 8/6 and stained glass sash. Windows on facade have wood tracery. Labels. Deep reveal. Dormer windows have quatrefoil design. Bell tower window has wood tracery.

Entrance - Main entrance articulated by flanking buttresses. Entry has been altered to double door. East entry has Greek Revival door, 3/4 sidelights and transom light.

Enrichments - Entry porches have 2 point & 4 point wooden arches and cusped design. Bay window has common brackets as do the porches. Polychromatic stone work.

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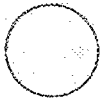
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Reverend John Henry Hopkins was consecrated the first bishop of Vermont in 1832 at which time he settled in Burlington and opened a seminary in his home. He soon expanded into a large winged structure, much of which remains as the Converse Home on lower Church St. The large school was too ambitious an undertaking for the fledgling diocese, and Hopkins went bankrupt and lost his home and school. In 1854 he tried again, building this impressive structure. Hopkins was an authority on Gothic Collegiate architecture, having studied it in England. His book on the subject, complete with his own engravings, was the first book published on the subject in America. Hopkins designed and supervised the construction of his new school, flying buttresses and all. He died soon after its completion, and his son Theodore was the new school's first principal. The Institute taught a general academic courses, as well as a theological course for preparing ministers.

REFERENCES:

1869, 1890, Sanborn maps; Rann, History of Chittenden County, pp. 214-17.

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