

Basic Detail Report



Title Samuel Taylor House, Hartford

Date about 1865

Primary Maker Henry Austin

Medium Architectural drawings; pencil, black ink, red ink, and watercolor tints
on paper and tracing linen

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Description Plans for a towered three story Second Empire house with a

patterned slate shingle straight mansard roof. Notable to the mansard roof is

the overhanging molded cornice, with decorative scroll sawn brackets below, a

carved balustrade along the roof base, and cast iron cresting along the roof line.

A newel flanked entry stoop leads to the recessed arched entryway with arched

paneled double door, off of which is the front piazza, which features ornately

carved spandrels supported by scroll sawn brackets. The entryway serves as the

base to the five story flared mansard roofed tower, which features the same

patterned slate shingles, and cast iron cresting along the roof line, as well as

pitched rounded arch dormer windows set in the cupola. Other notable features

of the house include; a molded cornice belt between the first and second story, a

first floor front bay window with decoratively paneled Doric pilasters and

second floor balcony with carved balustrade, as well as, a large three story three-

sided bay window on the side elevation. Windows on the house range from

bracketed hood double hung-plate glass sash windows on the first story;

rounded arch hood single-hung plate glass arched sash windows on the second

story, and rounded arch single-hung plate glass pediment dormer windows on

the third story. Windows on the rear of the house are double-hung multi-light

sash windows with simple rectangular lintel and sills. Two and three paired

rounded arch single-hung plate glass sash windows can be found among the

tower stories. A total of seventeen drawings comprise the set, this includes plans

for the cellar plan, principal floor plan, second story plan and attic plan. The

cellar plan includes a vault, two coal bins, a furnace, and laundry room. The

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principal floor plan includes a front piazza, entry vestibule, hall, drawings room,

side piazza, side entry porch, rear entry porch, rear entry (mud) room, kitchen

pantry, kitchen, lobby, dining room, pantry, and parlor with bay window. The

second story plan includes five bed rooms (each with a built in basin), a hall,

bathroom, and balcony. The attic plans include a billard room, hall, and four

closets.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions: 25 1/2 x 17in. (64.8 x 43.2cm)