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Park on Cook Lane  
& use entrance  
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This large house, like many older farmhouses, is a 4-part building that apparently grew over the course of several decades. The main house is a large 2½ story, 5 bay building of a type that dates to the Greek Revival period and has a succession of ells extending northward from it. The interior features purple glass door knobs in the living room, a beehive oven, and wide plank floors upstairs.

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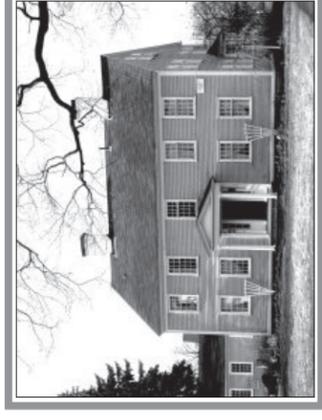
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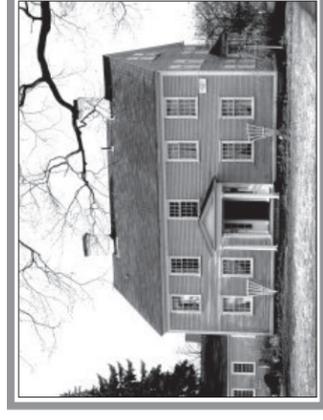
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There were three William Howe's in succession who lived in this house. The first William is noted on an 1803 map, and his son, William Loring Howe, on the 1830 map. Ella Bigelow in her history of Marlborough says that the property was thought to be the site of an Indian burial ground, due to the quantity of beads and arrowheads found by William Loring. His son, William Nelson Howe, ran a large dairy farm here until the end of the 18th century, when his son, Elmer D. took over and named it "Fairview Farm."



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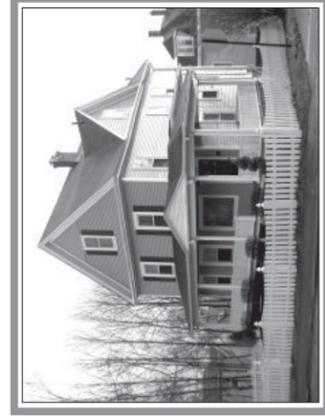
On the SE corner of Prospect & Washington Sts.  
Park on Washington St.

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The architectural detail of this Queen Anne, built around 1888, is among the most sophisticated for its era in Marlborough. The building's focal point is the wrap-around porch, with its lath-turned posts and spindles and elaborate jig-saw-cut "pierced work." Inside is Eastlake hardware, carved wooden mantels, and original tile. The house has been converted into offices by a preservation-minded attorney, and was previously owned by Dr. James Campbell, the city's principal physician who had political aspirations but was defeated twice in his campaigns for mayor in the early 1890s.



## THE ARNOLD CURTIS HOUSE



### 233 Church Street

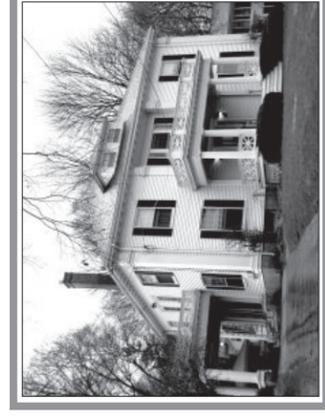
On the NW corner of Church & Greenwood Sts.  
Park on Church Street.

This home in a quiet neighborhood has a wrap-around porch. Inside is a blend of old and new, with an open floor plan, modern art and furnishings, and original brass hardware. It is dated around 1894.

This home was owned by Arnold Curtis, one of four sons of Charles W. Curtis who founded the Curtis Shoe Co. For many years, Arnold was secretary/treasurer of the company, whose factory was located on the site that is now the shoeworkers' monument at the intersection of Granger Blvd. & South Bolton St. The family also owned the Curtis Apple Orchards which used to cover the hills on Hosmer Street. Many of the streets in that area are named after apple varieties.



## THE DOCTORS' HOUSE



### 75 West Main Street

On the north side of W. Main St., east of Winthrop St., four houses up from the library.  
Park on West Main St.

This elegant, hip-roofed, three-bay, two-story Colonial Revival house, dated c. 1898, has full-height pilasters, and both an entry portico and a porte-cochere on fluted Doric columns.

The interior features leaded glass windows in a built-in china cabinet, three fireplaces, quarter sawn oak flooring, and original light fixtures.

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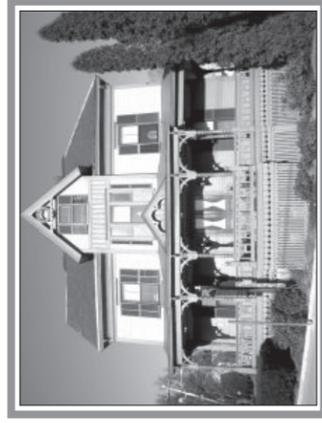
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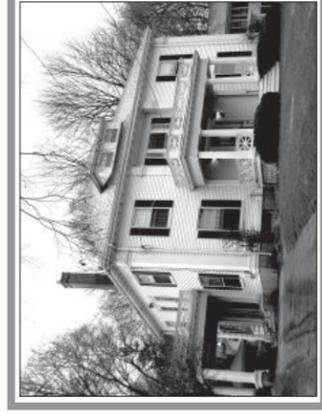
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