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The Oliver Hastings House is a large T-shaped frame two-story residence with carved bays, cast-iron verandas and balustrades, and a hipped roof that terminates in a monitor that contains an additional half story. The main (front) portion of the house is rectangular in shape, three bays wide, two bays deep and its walls are covered with flush siding. A two-bay-deep 2 story wing with flush-boarded walls runs across the rear and extends one bay on either side beyond the east and west side walls of the oblong front portion. The east (end) wall of the rear wing contains a wide bow or curved bay.

The corners of the front and rear portions have wide two-story high stripped pilasters and a partially denticulated cornice extends completely around the house. The south (front) facade is dominated by the wide curved bow, with curving two-story porch, located in its central bay. The first story of the portico has four fluted Corinthian columns of the Tower of the Winds order and the entrance way, located in the bow, is comprised of French doors topped with a rectangular transom, and flanked by wide and full-length side lights and exterior louvered shutters. The second story of the porch has an elaborate cast-iron trellised balustrade; French doors, also The windows in flanked by tall louvered shutters, open to its deck. the flanking bays on both levels are comprised of French windows that are adorned by full-length louvered blinds. First floor windows are topped by flat-arch projecting lintels and second story French windows open on verandas with cast-iron railings and supports. Windows on the other elevations are of regular size and are flanked by louvered shutters. A small oval window is set in the center of the secondstory level of the east end wall of the oblong portion of the house and a one-story Corinthian side porch with a cast-iron balustrade on its deck is located in the angle formed by this east end wall and the south wall of the rear wing.

In the original plan a wide semi-circular center hall extends from the south (main) entrance through to the rear of the oblong portion of the house. To the left (west) were two rooms that are now used as apartments. To the right of the hall was a large parlor that has been subdivided to form two apartments. A lateral hall led from the north (rear) end of the center hall to the east side entry. The side hall contained a stair hall with a spiral staircase and a vestibule for the east door. The stair hall, which is a spiral staircase, has been walled up and is no longer used. wing apparently contained three rooms: a large room at the west end, now subdivided into apartments; a room in the center, now remodelled into a modern kitchen; and a magnificent oval-shaped room at the east This latter room, little-altered, retains its original marble The apartments on the first floor are mantel and interior finish. The second floor bedrooms are utilized used as faculty residences. as classrooms and offices.

The Oliver Hastings House is in excellent condition and is not open to visitors.

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The Hastings House was erected in 1844-45 by Oliver Hastings, a Boston merchant. Later it was for many years the home of Episcopal Bishop William Lawrence. In 1950 the house became the property of the Episcopal Theological School. The exterior of the structure is little-altered but the first-floor plan has been considerably changed by the insertion of partition walls to subdivide original rooms into apartments.

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