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1. Name: Richard Henry Deming House. 80000074
2. Location: 66 Burnett Street, Providence, Rhode Island
3. Owner: State of Rhode Island,
Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals
Attention: Thomas J. Laverty, Coordinator of Facility
Grants, Division of Facilities and Maintenance Services,
Box 8268, Cranston, R.I. 02920
4. Description: One of Elmwood's two largest and most lavish Second Empire residences, this 2½-story, asymmetrical, frame mansion is set in surprisingly ample grounds planted with large, old copper beeches. Built c. 1870, the house has bracketed window hoods and cornices and an exuberant modified-academic-classical entrance porch with a paneled ceiling. The exterior has been clad in aluminum siding, but without the loss of any original trim. In remarkable contrast to most other large residences in Elmwood, the Deming House has never been converted into apartments and retains a rich display of dark wood paneling and other trim, including several handsome Renaissance-inspired, Eastlake, and Colonial Revival mantelpieces on the first floor. The ceilings and walls, especially on the second floor, are elaborated with a profusion of precast plaster elements arranged in panels, rosettes, and bands. The house, used until recently as a nursing home, has undergone few significant alterations.

Photographs 29 through 32

5. Significance: The Deming House possesses statewide architectural significance as an unusually large, well designed, and well preserved (despite the aluminum siding) Second Empire dwelling which retains nearly all of its original interior trim. The structure also has a local importance as the home of Richard H. Deming (1842-1902), a prosperous cotton broker, at first in the firm of George H. Hoppin & Deming, and later, a senior partner in R. H. Deming & Company. Deming served as a representative in the city common council, as chairman of the city Park Board, as police commissioner, and as President of the Providence Board of Trade.

6. Acreage: less than one acre.
7. Plat 49, lot 35.
8. UTM reference: 19 298350 4630490
9. Level of significance: state