

PHILLIPS ANDOVER ACADEMY

Alice Whitney House, Andover, MA

Owner

Phillips Andover Academy

Design

Sumner Davis Architects, Inc.

Project Completed

August, 2004

Building Type

Historical Restoration & Addition

Construction Method

Construction Management



The Alice Whitney House, located in the downtown area of Andover, MA and constructed in 1887, was initially a private residence. Now a functioning dormitory for the nationally renowned Phillips Academy Andover, the building serves a very different use than its original intention. Our primary scope of work was to renovate the building interior and construct an addition, which was to house a fire egress stairway.

The existing condition of the building, prior to construction, was typical of a dated residence that has had many occupants. Our goal for the interior of the building was to update and refine the building's look. This work included demolition and construction of many walls and ceilings and the repair of some of the building structure. The building's eight bedrooms all contained mostly original hardwood floors, which were restored to the original condition from their utilitarian painted

look. The electrical and fire alarm systems were brought up to a standard that now meets the school and code requirements. The building interior now has a refined appearance befitting the school's stature.



The construction of the fire stair addition was no easy task. Being a historic-era building in a town with stringent rules, it was imperative that the addition maintained the original appearance of the existing building. Some of our tasks included the fabrication of custom cornice trim to match the building existing, relocation of existing building windows into new framed openings, and tying new, updated construction into a 117 year-old building. The result was a seamless growth of the building, which serves as a pleasing aesthetic addition and functioning safety feature for the multiple residents of the house.

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