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Sullivan House Photograph Album
1895-1897

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 053-03

Title: Sullivan House Photograph Album

Creator: Unknown

Dates: 1895-1897

Quantity: 1 container (0.5 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Unknown.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2017 by Claire Uziel.

Conservation: Interleave acid-free paper to prevent further transfer of photograph images to facing pages.

Language: Materials are in English.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Rhode Island Collection department.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format: *Sullivan House Photograph Album, Rhode Island Collection, Providence Public Library*

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None.

Published descriptions Not applicable.

Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	<p>Architecture, Domestic. Architecture, Queen Anne. Architecture, Victorian. Architecture, Domestic--New England. House furnishings. Interior decoration. Carriages and carts. Children. Carriage houses. Stained glass windows. Furniture. Wooden ceilings. Ceilings--Decoration. Rugs. Fireplaces. Mantels. Wallpaper. Bedroom furniture. Home offices. Late Victorian. AAT. paintings (visual works). ATT.</p>

SEE ALSO Not applicable.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The house is included in the Wayland Square National Register Historic District. It is generally described as a Queen Anne home and was built by William R. Walker & Son. The local firm, which designed schools, civic buildings, and residences, was prolific in and around Providence.

James Edmund Sullivan (1849-1920) was an Irish-born physician and his wife, Alice Margaret Sullivan (1866-1909) was a native Rhode Islander and daughter of rubber-magnate Joseph Banigan. They married in 1885 and built this house in 1893. The couple's four sons -- Robert Joseph Banigan Sullivan (1887-1929), Edmund James Gibbons Sullivan (1893-1936), William Banigan Sullivan (1900-1911), and James Banigan Sullivan (1905-1970) -- grew up in this house. Around 1916, Robert moved just down the street with his new wife. Father James died in 1920 and the remaining brothers, Edmund and James, remained in the house until about 1933, perhaps around when Edmund married.

Throughout the Sullivan family's residence in the house, the domestic staff generally numbered three or four women, often Irish immigrants. While members of the Sullivan family lived in the house until about 1932, the

property changed legal ownership in 1893, 1898, and 1915.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of one photograph album of the James E. & Alice B. Sullivan House built in 1893 by William R. Walker & Son at 254 Wayland Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island. Includes three exterior and 12 interior photographs of home, 1895-1897.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is entirely contained within a single photograph album.