

= Fuller Houses =

The Fuller Houses are two historic homes at 339 @-@ 341 and 343 @-@ 345 Broadway in Pawtucket , Rhode Island . Constructed in 1896 @-@ 1897 , the two Queen Anne @-@ styled homes were constructed as rental properties for the Fuller family and are believed to have originally been identical in construction . The two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half story houses are marked by an octagonal bay which contains the front staircase and a large two @-@ story porch projecting almost completely from the house itself . For the National Register of Historic Places nomination only a single unit was examined , but the identical unit below is believed to have undergone minimal alterations . The other house , 343 @-@ 345 Broadway , was not surveyed , but has been more seriously modified to allow for four apartment units . The Fuller Houses are architecturally significant as well @-@ preserved and well @-@ detailed Queen Anne @-@ styled apartment flats . The Fuller Houses were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 .

= History =

The Fuller Houses were constructed in 1896 @-@ 1897 for Susan E. Fuller . Fuller 's husband , Charles H. Fuller , operated a successful jewelry findings firm . The Fullers owned the houses until 1915 , and intended to use them as rental properties . The only member of the Fuller family to reside in one of the houses , specifically 341 Broadway , was Alice G. Fuller beginning in either 1911 or 1912 . The houses are positioned to be prominently viewed from their location on the east side of U.S Route 1 and from northbound traffic on Interstate 95 . Though not originally placed in a location of such prominence , the construction through the heart of Pawtucket greatly increased the visibility of these " I @-@ 95 landmarks " .

= Design =

The Fuller Houses are originally believed to have been constructed as identical two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half story Queen Anne @-@ styled homes with both having their gable @-@ ends facing the street . The southern flank of the building is visually broken up by a two @-@ story bay window with a gabled peak . A semi @-@ octagonal bay on the northern corner of the houses indicates the position of the front staircase . A single @-@ story porch with a shed @-@ roof overhangs the front doorways . A striking feature of the Fuller Houses is the two @-@ story circular porch on the southwest side . The porches are almost removed from the building and topped with a conical roof and ornamented with Queen Anne @-@ style spindle . The exterior walls of the houses are clapboarded and the tops of the gables have simple metal finials .

For the National Register of Historic Places nomination , only the interior of one of the four units was surveyed , the second floor interior of 341 Broadway . This unit is accessed from a spiral staircase leading from the first floor to the attic . The second floor landing has a short foyer before opening to two parlors . The front parlor is said to have had a water fountain which was removed , but the plumbing is said to exist within the floor . The back parlor has a Queen Anne mantel and leads to the dining room with large floor @-@ to @-@ ceiling china closets . Located on the east side of the apartment is the kitchen , pantry and rear staircase . The north part of the apartment contains two bedrooms and a bath . The NRHP nomination states that the alterations to the unit were minimal and it is likely that the same would have been done for the first floor unit . The northern Fuller House , containing 343 @-@ 345 Broadway , has been more seriously modified because it has been split into four units . In 2013 , real estate information for 343 Broadway suggests the expanse of the modifications to the house by listing the property as having 20 rooms , with 8 bedrooms and 5 baths . According to Trulia the house was sold in 2010 for \$ 140 @,@ 000 and still in the four unit configuration . A three bay stuccoed garage dating from the 1920s or 1930 is used by 339 @-@ 341 Broadway .

= Significance =

The Fuller Houses are architecturally significant as a pair of two well @-@ preserved and well @-@ detailed two @-@ family Queen Anne @-@ style apartment " flat " houses . The Queen Anne @-@ style spindle @-@ work porches are descriptive in the NRHP nomination as the most impressive examples remaining in Pawtucket . The two houses represent an important step in the development of Pawtucket 's architectural development and contribute to the city 's visual character . The Fuller Houses were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 .