

Fall River Now

A 21st CENTURY CITY

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Fall River's Cityscape is partially filled with magnificent examples of Victorian-era architecture and is dotted with examples of granite and brick mills in which cotton was spun for the apparel and other textile industries. Owners of these mills and other merchants erected elaborate homes, churches, schools, fire and police stations, and other buildings in the fashionable "Lower Highlands" where they still stand and are either privately occupied or dedicated to public use. Visitors to the City marvel at these intricate structures designed by noted architects such as Hartwell and Swazey and no visit to the City would be complete without viewing some of these historically and architecturally significant buildings.

THE FALL RIVER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, a community group dedicated to preserving and presenting these fine examples of Victorian period architecture, maintains a web site and has devised a self-guided walking tour where the Visitor may view these splendid homes and other buildings. Visit www.fallriverpreservation.org to view an interesting slide show and the route for the self-guided walking tour within the historic neighborhood area of the Lower Highlands.

LAFAYETTE-DURFEE HOUSE (See Attractions Page)

FALL RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM (See Attractions Page)

LIZZIE BORDEN BED & BREAKFAST HOUSE AND MUSEUM (see Attractions Page)

In addition to the Victorian-era architecture evident in the stylish residences of the historic Lower Highlands area, numerous examples of elaborate gothic, Romanesque, and early New England steeple churches exist in the Downtown and adjacent areas. The Downtown area also presents further examples of ornate architecture associated with banks, department stores, and other enterprises of the early Victorian and textile commerce eras.

Examples of magnificent architecture and period detail include:

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 282 Rock St.

Voice: 508-672-5862

Website: <http://www.firstcongo.org>

FORMER CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

(now home of the International Culinary Institute and Abbey Grill)

Location: 100 Rock Street

Voice:

Website:

OAK GROVE CEMETERY

Location: 765 Prospect St.

Voice: 508-324-2750

Website:

The Gothic stone-arched gates of this centuries-old cemetery greets visitors. Colonial and Civil

War era grave sites, tombs, and mausoleum structures of architectural significance dedicated to the memories of some of the members of Fall River's famous families – including Lizzie Borden!

Fall River Mill Architecture:

Fall River Victorian Architecture:

New Architecture in the City:



Lovely example of classical brick home, residential Fall River, MA