

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE ON CARR'S HILL

that consisted of a hinged section of the paneled wall below the stringer. The space was apparently intended to be used as a closet for coats and similar items from the beginning;



Side hall and stairs from main hall, looking northwest.

the original McKim, Mead & White floor drawings show a set of shelves for footwear labeled "Rubbers etc." In 1959, the hinged section of the paneled wall was sealed up and a full-height door was inserted under the landing to replace it. In 1959, this space was made into a lavatory, or powder room. With the 1959 removal of the inner door of the vestibule, it became apparent that the door to the original lavatory space could also be moved to the side. At some point after 1985, the two spaces were both redesigned as modern powder rooms.



Above: The carved detail along the stair stringer includes a line of fretwork and a carving in the triangular end of each step.

The latter carving resembles unfolding leaves of a fern. Left: Newel post detail with the name "Carr's Hill" and name of the architects.