Facing north onto Forest Street, the Andrew Slater House sits on a narrow lot. Other houses similar in age and design exist throughout the neighborhood.
This modest nineteenth-century vernacular-style house is oriented gable-to-street. Its three-bay facade displays a one-story open porch supported by plain posts and an enclosed balustrade. A small arched window remains in the gable end. Six-over-six sash are found throughout the house. A shed-roofed, one-story addition extends from the south facade.

In 1879 industrial entrepreneur James L. Cowles sold a 1/3 acre of land "on which the house recently burned" for $200 to Andrew Slater (FLR 65:385). The house mentioned was probably built by James L. Cowles for the employees of the Ditson Pond Company, manufacturers of flutes (FLR 59:533). Slater (1846-1926), an Irish stone mason, mortgaged the land in 1880 (FLR 64:524) probably to build the house, and by 1901 mortgaged the property through William Redding (FLR 69:558-9). Since that time it has been owned by several people.

The Andrew Slater House contributes to the streetscape due to its relatively unaltered condition.


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