Bounded on all sides by other historic buildings belonging to Miss Porter's School, this building faces north away from Main Street. It is surrounded by tall pine trees.
This shingle-style building, built in 1912, features a five-bay facade enhanced by several gable-roofed dormers and an enclosed porch, typical elements of the Colonial Revival style. Between the first and second stories lies a beltcourse. Several paired windows exist on the west and east elevations. Note the one-over-one sash used throughout the building.

In 1919 headmistress Elizabeth V. H. Keep's estate was distributed to Robert Porter Keep and Dorothea K. Hale (FLR 74:335). The distribution included this building, used as the music cottage and built by R.F. Jones in 1912. The earlier music cottage was moved to the corner of Mill Lane and Garden Street. When Miss Porter's School was incorporated around 1940, both Keep and Hale quit-claimed the property to the school (FLR 97:321).

Since its construction, it has served as an office building and contributes to the historic character of Main Street and the development of the Miss Porter's School campus.

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21 Threats to Building or Site:

- [ ] None known
- [ ] Highways
- [x] Vandalism
- [ ] Developers
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Renewal
- [ ] Private
- [ ] Deterioration
- [ ] Zoning
- [ ] Explanation
OWNERS NAME: PORTER'S SCHOOL, MISS, Inc.

1951—"New" Music Cottage

ADDRESS: 64 Main Street

DATE BUILT: ca 1912 FOR: Miss Porter's School, Elizabeth V.H. Keep, Trustee by

ARCHITECT

MASTER-BUILDER: R.F. Jones Co


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