

SAMUEL H. AND MARY T. BOOTH HOUSE

30 CENTRE STREET, THE BRONX

BLOCK 5626/LOT 414

BUILT: BETWEEN 1887 AND 1897

ARCHITECT: NOT DETERMINED

ORIGINAL OWNER: SAMUEL H. AND MARY T. BOOTH

STYLE: QUEEN ANNE

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: CALENDARIED MARCH 22, 2011

SIGNIFICANT ALTERATIONS: DORMERS; REAR PORCH ENCLOSED; BAY WINDOW ADDED ON EAST

The Queen Anne-style cottage at 30 Centre Street was designed and constructed for Samuel H. Booth and his wife Mary Titus Booth. The Booths purchased two large adjoining lots of land on Centre Street from William H. Scofield, scion of one of City Island's four main families, in 1887. The house was constructed sometime between then and 1897 when it appears on insurance maps.

Samuel H. Booth is listed in census records as a house builder and carpenter and may have built the house himself. The Queen Anne style cottage has cross gables, a porch with decorative verge board and turned column, a prominent front-facing gable with bay window, and side facade with gabled oriel. Although two dormers were added, the rear porch enclosed, and a second bay window added in the latter 20th century, the house retains its massing, form, and much of its original wood clapboarding. On City Island, known for its numerous homes in the Second Empire and Italianate styles, the Samuel H. and Mary T. Booth House is an unusual and relatively intact example of the Queen Anne style house.

