



## Children's Hospital

Portland, Maine

### *National Register Nomination*

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register nomination for the Children's Hospital in Portland, Maine in 2010. The Children's Hospital is significant for its architecture as well as its contributions to health and welfare in the City of Portland.

The Children's Hospital was designed by architect Frederick A. Tompson in the Colonial Revival style and was constructed in 1909. Built adjacent to, and originally connected with, the Federal style Mussey Mansion (built 1801, demolished in 1962), the hospital building intentionally replicated features of the mansion.

The Surgeon in Chief of the Children's Hospital, Edville G. Abbott, developed the "Abbott Treatment" for correcting curvature of the spine in children suffering from scoliosis in 1911. The "Abbott Treatment" was the standard method of treatment for the curvature of the spine until 1959.

The Children's Hospital was a large institutional building which was designed to present a domestic scale to the street. Its design is cohesive with the surrounding historic homes due to its classical exterior. In 2013, the building was adapted for use as residential space.

\*SCC prepared the National Register Nomination of this property in conjunction with a certified historic tax credit rehabilitation project.

