

## **CASTLE HILL**

### **Argilla Road, Ipswich**

Castle Hill is fittingly named. Overlooking the New England coast from its isolated hill, the baronial brick Georgian Revival mansion was built in the 1920s as a summer house for plumbing magnate Richard Teller Crane, Jr. It survives as a preeminent example of the American “country house,” typically a large-scale complex with a main house surrounded by formal grounds, recreational facilities, greenhouses, and support buildings. Such establishments served the well-to-do as comfortable rural retreats from the increasingly crowded industrialized cities. Castle Hill is also significant for its well-preserved examples of the work of seven nationally known architects and landscape architects, including David Adler, Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, Olmsted Brothers, Arthur Shurcliff, Ernest Bowditch, Edward Burnett, and Harriett Foote. The house and grounds, maintained by the Trustees of Reservations, are open to the public.