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**Town:** Great Barrington, MA

**Price:** \$12,500,000

**Style:** Chateau-Style Stone Castle

**Bedrooms:**

**Bathrooms:**

**Square Feet:** 40,000 ±

**Acreage:** 64 ± acres

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**Description:** This McKim, Mead and White masterpiece is thought to be the work of famed architect, Stanford White, himself. White was certainly the most prestigious architect of the day, and still remains one of the most famous of all time.

The 1888 French chateau style stone castle was built with the finest materials available and is considered the epitome of McKim, Mead and White's Baronial period. The craftsmanship and materials found here are simply impossible to replicate. The original owner, Mary Hopkins (heir to the Central Pacific Railroad fortune) was the richest woman in America when she commissioned The Castle. She imported materials and workers from around the world to suit her tastes. This included roof shingles from Belgium, marble from Africa and Italy and even towing sunken ships across the ocean from Scotland to access their valuable English oak.

The property consists of 64 lush acres with over a thousand feet of frontage on the Housatonic River. The expansive back terrace looks onwards to distant mountains which frame the enormous green meadows.

The Castle is located in the chic town of Great Barrington in the Berkshires, an area known to be the cultural mecca of the Northeast. It includes famed music and theatre venues, art and history museums, and multiple cultural festivals, such as esteemed Tanglewood music center, modern dance institute Jacob's Pillow, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (Mass MoCA), Shakespeare & Co, the Norman Rockwell Museum, and much more. The Berkshires are also well-known for year-round



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recreational opportunities including golf, river adventures, hiking, fly-fishing, and great area skiing at Butternut and Catamount. From the summer concert series; to the fall foliage, to the proximity to major ski areas, to the spring blossoms; the Berkshires have it all.

This glorious estate is only 2.5 hours from either Boston or NYC. The property has been lovingly maintained with all its original magnificence intact. Perfect as a personal residence, a school or educational facility, a corporate retreat, a treatment facility, or perhaps an Inn/Spa. Changes in commercial use may require zoning approval.

#### **Highlights include;**

- 40,000 square foot Mansion with 7 levels, 40 rooms, 7 towers and 36 fireplaces.
- Louis XIV drawing room imported from France with details in real gold leaf and original painted ceiling.
- Acoustically engineered music room with 42-ft dramatic domed ceiling.
- Central atrium pillared in pink marble opens with glass doors to the terrace loggia.
- Reception room paneled in black walnut with a red vechianno Italian marble mantelpiece.
- Dining room paneled in rare carved English oak.
- Spacious upstairs family room with ceiling modeled after a Venetian Palace.
- Circular library with native oak woodwork.
- 6000 square foot Carriage house.
- Massive South terrace is paved in marble and resembles a fortress from below.
- Cross shaped lagoon with stone loggia.
- Carved statuary and antique light fixtures.
- Tennis and basketball courts.
- 29,000 square foot sub basement (Dungeon).
- Public beach access at nearby Lake Mansfield.





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