

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no. DD CR	Form no. 166-D 1406
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USGS - Worcester S.



town Worcester
 address ²⁴ foot of South Ward Street
 name WARD ST. SCHOOL
Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4
 present use schoolhouse

present owner City of Worcester

description:

date 1898-1899

source City documents

style elements of Romanesque Revival

architect J. W. Patston

1. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

North
West
Elevation

exterior wall fabric brick

outbuildings (describe) none

other features slate-covered hip roof, granite base, central pavilion with gable, arched entries, rock-faced sandstone trim

altered no Date _____

moved no Date _____

UTM: 19/268850/4680610

5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 5, p. 29
Lot 4--46,974 sq. ft.

one acre or less Over one acre _____

approximate frontage 40' on S. Ward St.

approximate distance of building from street

75'

6. Recorded by B. R. Pfeiffer

organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

date April 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

Original use grammar school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | <u>X</u> | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | <u>X</u> | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built at a cost of approximately \$13,000 in 1898-1899, the Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is a two and one-half storey structure, built of red brick and rising from a rock-faced granite basement to a slate-covered hip roof. The building's symmetrical facade is dominated by a gabled central pavilion with two arched entries. Trim of the building consists of a rock-faced sandstone water table, sandstone sills and carved sandstone springer blocks at the entires. At present, the building is unaltered.

Built shortly after the Woodland Street School (1897, now altered) to which it was identical, the Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is the best example of a group of similar schoolhouses built throughout the city. The Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is the last of four school buildings built on its lot between the early 1880s and 1899, a period during which the surrounding neighborhoods became densely developed with three-deckers. Highway construction and subsequent decreases in neighborhood population led to the demolitions of the sites' first three schoolhouses, leaving only the present structure.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

City Document #53. Report of Superintendant of Public Buildings, p. 9.