

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Pl-Vernon Hill

In Area no. CR	Form no. 179-A 1470
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City Worcester

Address 36 Upsala Street

Name Upsala Street Schoolhouse

Present use School

Present owner City of Worcester

Description:

1894, 1902, 1923

Source date placque & City Documents

Romanesque Revival

Architect George Clemence (1894)

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features arched entry and blind

arched window frames, some terra-

cotta trim

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

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

North
Elevation

UTM:
19/269340/4680180

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 10, p. 10

Lot 16---29,183 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 140'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by S. Lee, ed. B. R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

(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)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

Built to accomodate the residential development of Union Hill in the late 1890s and early 20th century, the Upsala Street School was built in three stages, the first of which contains the school's present facade (north). This original section is two and one-half stories high of brick construction with a slate-covered hip roof. The facade is symmetrical about a projecting central pavilion which contains a deep entry arch flanked by equal-sized blind arches and roundels bearing the building's construction date--1894. Above the entry is a shallow balcony with a sandstone name plaque. The building's trim consists largely of sandstone which forms window sills, lintels and a continuous decorative band beneath the modillioned cornice. Dormers have hip roofs and the building's chimney stacks are panelled. In 1902, a rear wing (south) was added to the original structure. Of identical design to the original building, this addition seems likely to have been included in the building's original design, in order to allow for expansion as the surrounding neighborhood grew.

in 1923, a second addition was built onto the school. Attached to the rear (south) wall of the 1902 addition, the 1923 addition is built of brick with sandstone trim. Except for its flat roof, this second addition resembles the design of the earlier sections.

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

- City Document #76, year ending 11/30/1923, p. 741.
- Eng. & Bldg. Record, Vol. XXX, 6/16/1894., p. 50.(bldg. notice).
- Engineering Record, Vol. XLVI, 7/19/1902, p. 70 (bldg. notice).