

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	WEY.142
Historic Name:	Washington School
Common Name:	Washington School Professional Building
Address:	8 School St
City/Town:	Weymouth
Village/Neighborhood:	East Weymouth
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	Woodcock, Shepard S.
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne; Shingle Style
Use(s):	Abandoned or Vacant; Business Office; Public School
Significance:	Architecture; Education
Area(s):	WEY.C: Jackson Square
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register Individual Property (6/5/1986)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle Foundation: Granite



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FORM B - BUILDING

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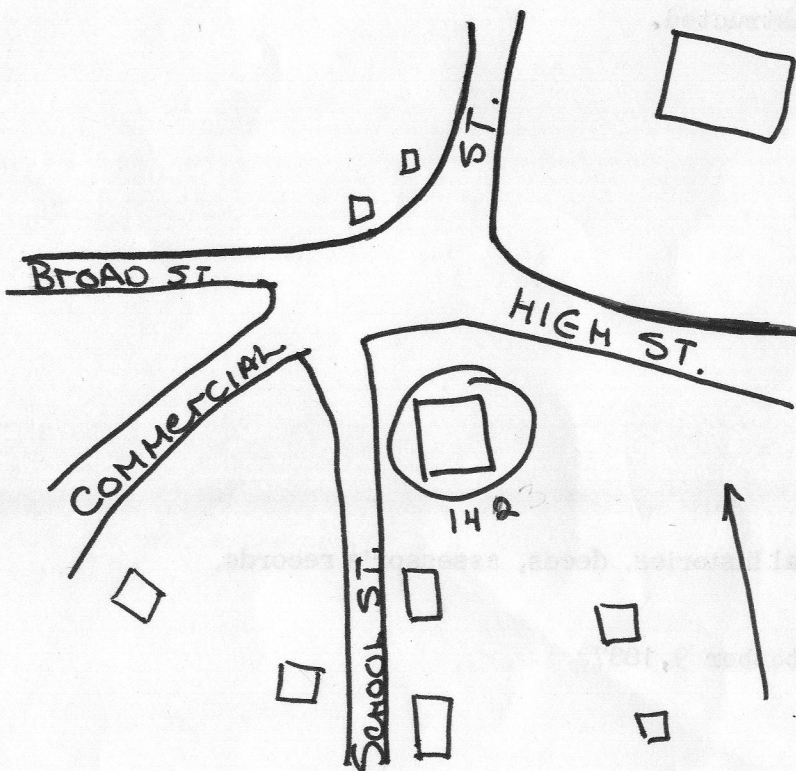


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In Area no. (C)	Form no. 142
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Weymouth PO. E. Wey
 Address 8 School Street US 65 - Wey
 Name Washington School
 Present use Education
 Present owner Town of Weymouth
 Description:
 Date 1887
 Source Weymouth Town Report-1887
 Style Queen Anne

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



Architect S.S. Woodcock
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard-shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features see attached

Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
 Approximate frontage 70'
 Approximate distance of building from street 80'

6. Recorded by Sharon Cassani-Clarke
 Organization Weymouth Historical Comm.
 Date March 10, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Weymouth

Original use Education

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The six room Washington School was built in 1887 and remains today as an educational facility for primary grades. Designed by S.S.Woodcock of Boston, this two-story building reflects the Queen Anne style popular at that time. (see attached for architectural details) The land upon which the school stands has been the site of a Weymouth school since 1839. At that time the land was purchased from Stephen French and two smaller buildings were erected. In 1886 these were deemed unsuitable and the larger Washington School was constructed.

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

The Weymouth Gazette, September 9, 1887

Title and Deed search

The Washington School

Date 1889

Style: Queen Anne

The Washington School is typical of much of the Queen Anne work that flowered in Weymouth during the era of intense growth that corresponded to this stylistic period. As a medium-sized, wood schoolhouse from this period it is rather rare.

The basic plan, fire retarding structural concept, and detailing are all similar to those of the slightly earlier Jefferson School. In the rear are two classrooms with teachers' rooms, stairs, facilities, and entrances in the front. The plan differs from the Jefferson in that a third classroom was added at the front center to produce a stubby "T" plan.

The foundation is cut granite. The first floor is sheathed in clapboards. The second floor has a flared skirting of fishscale shingles below the window sills and clapboards above. The main roof is steeply hipped. The front wing is topped by a gable with two dormers of elaborately shaped shingles. All sash except the smaller ones are six-over-six.

The porches are set into the inside angles of the "T" with typical Queen Anne, turned posts supporting half-sunburst brackets under a band of spindles.

The main decorative feature of the building is the face of the front wing. Above the flared skirting and rising into the jerkin-headed gable is a grossly stylized Palladian window composed of shingles, clapboards and glass. At the second floor level are three windows, one large one in the center separated from a smaller one on each side by panels of fishscale shingles. In the gable above these panels and center window is another panel of clapboards, the upper corners filled by quarter-sunbursts. Above this is a semi-circular window with straight mullions topped by an oversized keystone. Surrounding this composition are alternating rows of plain and truncated, triangular shingles. The

whole is a concentration of shingle*work which, in its original coloration, must have been very impressive and quite remarkable.

MHC STAFF OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

KK-I did
have this
after all -
thanks -
ICK

DATE: 2.22.84
PROPERTY: Washington School, ~~Weymouth~~
STAFF IN CHARGE OF REVIEW:
ACTION: AGENCY:

Does this property meet the NR criteria?

Opinion: Yes No More information
Criteria: A B C D
Level: Local State National

Statement of Significance by Zimmerman
(staff)

Intact frame Queen Anne/Shingle Style
school → interior and exterior
Asymmetrical
Form is unusual and the number of frame
schools of the period surviving is small

* altho typical of frame Q/A residences

Information required to form opinion:

I think this is see also Jefferson School (Weymouth NR 1980?)
similar, good, 21st frame example.

Result:

Agreed Eligible:

Date:

DOE by SOI:

Date:

Determined Not Eligible:

Date:

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF INSPECTION

CASE *B* PLAN RECORD
RACK *7* APART. *20* NO. *alt. 75176*
BUILDING *Washington School* STORIES *2 & B.*
CITY OR TOWN *Weymouth* STREET *School St.*
TO BE USED FOR *school* CLASS *4th*
OWNER *Town of Weymouth*
ARCHITECT *Ray G. Parker*
CERTIFICATE APPROVAL - SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - REFERRED
DATE *8/4/49*
INSPECTOR *Neal P. Boyle*

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