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1. Name: Central Street School
2. Location: 379 Central Street
Central Falls, RI
3. Owner: City of Central Falls
580 Broad Street
Central Falls, RI
4. Description: This is a small, clapboarded 2½-story schoolhouse, of cruciform shape, with a cross-gable roof. The cornice is bracketed as are the four gables of the roof. There are identical entrances placed in the centers of shorter east-west axis; each is covered by an Italianate hood. Its windows are surrounded by frames with a simple molding. On the interior, there are 2 school rooms on each floor and two central staircases. The interiors are finished simply with plain plastered walls.
5. Date: 1881
6. Significance: The Central Street School is a relatively unaltered example of a late 19th century city schoolhouse. It is significant as a representative example of the expanded governmental functions required by the village during its decades of increasing industrialization and immigration. Between 1875 and 1886, four schoolhouses were built in the village, supplementing its two tiny district schoolhouses and the brick school on Broad Street. This dramatic expansion of the educational plant is accounted for by greatly increased population and industrial employment.
7. Acreage: less than 1 acre
8. Plat 6, lot 41
9. UTM Reference: 19.301380 4639510

See Photo # 5.