

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received JUL 28 1981

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name*Intermediate Building*

historic First Wellesley High School

and/or common Intermediate Building (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 324 Washington Street _____ not for publication

city, town Wellesley Hills _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Tenth

state Massachusetts code 025 county Norfolk code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted (9-5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Wellesley

street & number 525 Washington Street

city, town Wellesley _____ vicinity of _____ state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham _____ state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle Inventory of the Historic Assets
of the Commonwealthhas this property been determined eligible? yes nodate 9/18/78 _____ federal state _____ county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston _____ state Massachusetts 02108

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Intermediate Building is located in the Wellesley Hills section of Wellesely adjacent to the Town Hall which it serves as an annex. It is fronted by a large lawn landscaped with shrubs and trees. The building, whose plan forms a shallow T, is constructed of red brick with terra cotta trim. From a raised basement it rises two stories to a slate hipped roof which is pierced by two interior chimneys.

The symmetrical facade is eleven bays in length and is organized around a five bay central pavillion. Fenestration in this section consists of 6/6 double hung sash with segmental transoms at the first story and rectangular transoms at the second. The wings contain paired round arched openings with keystones at the first story and triple 2/2 windows with transoms at the second. The outer arches of the first story house the entries while the inner ones contain paired 2/1 windows. The roofline is pierced by three shingled dormers; the central one contains paired 6/2 windows and has a gabled roof while the smaller flanking ones have single 6/2 windows and hipped roofs with copper finials.

The entries open onto stairhalls which run to the second story; access to the unfinished third story is gained by a continuation of the east staircase. Two classrooms on one side and two laboratories on the other flanked the hall between the stairways. The second floor was completed by a woman teacher's room and girls' retiring room.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1894 **Builder/Architect** Hartwell and Richardson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Intermediate Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, and materials as well as significant historical associations as the town's first high school and one of only five schools built between 1896 and 1902. In addition it is a fine example of schoolhouse architecture. Therefore, the Intermediate Building meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Growth in Wellesley was modest until after the Civil War when it began to assume its present character as a prosperous residential suburb. In the early 1890's the School Committee recognized this growth and recommended construction of the town's first high school to supplement the wood frame Shaw School on Forest Street (now demolished). In 1893, the Wellesley Town Meeting approved their recommendation and selected the firm of Hartwell and Richardson to design it. The High School Index, published in 1895, described it as "one of the most imposing and substantial in this town or vicinity . . . Busts of Columbus, Washington, Lincoln, and Shakespeare are placed to remind us of what they have done and of what we can do ourselves in life."

Henry Hartwell and William Richardson practiced together from 1882-1919 and were prolific designers in the Boston area. Although they designed several public buildings in the Richardsonian Romanesque style like the Belmont Town Hall (1881) and the Hancock School in Lexington (1890-NR), the firm was best known for their domestic suburban work in the shingle style: Examples include the H.D. Underwood House in Belmont (1885) and the Henry Yerxa House in Cambridge (1887).

Hartwell's philosophy of school construction was spelled out in School Architecture published by the American Institute of Instruction, Bethlehem, NH, 1896. According to him, the "little red school house (was) passe." Schools would be designed for their specific purpose and built on a convenient location, with good drainage. He favored a southeast exposure for steady light during the school day. Hartwell preferred to set boilers for heating in a separate building for safety's sake. The principal's office should be convenient to the entrance, but should be quiet. The assembly hall's location should not interfere with lighting in the rest of the building. Fireproofing was essential, and he spelled out requirements.

"Our building, if it is to give a lasting satisfaction, must grow from within . . . must have a clear purpose." Hartwell allowed that a variety of styles was acceptable, if the function of the school was fulfilled. "It should be refined in detail, refined in ornamentation, but above all things, honest, above all things, true."

Wellesley's first high school building was used as such only 1907, when a new school was built; it continued to be used for educational purposes until recent years, when the Town of Wellesley installed a number of town agencies there.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Town Reports, School Committee Reports
 "Hartwell and Richardson. . .," Susan Maycock Vogel, Journal SAH, May 1973.
 Four Toures of Wellesley, Margaret S. Urann, Wellesley Historical Society, 1971
 The High School Index, June, 1895, pp. 20-22.
 Intermiediate Building Evaluation Report, Kubitz and Pepi, Wellesley, 1974

10. Geographical Data ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 23,584 square feet

Quadrangle name Natick

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Intermediate Building stands at the rear of a lot, bounded by Washington Street (Route 16) and Seaward Road. Please refer to the attached map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director w/ Jean N. Berry, Chairperson

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date April, 1981

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts 02108

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia W. Desrosiers 7/14/81

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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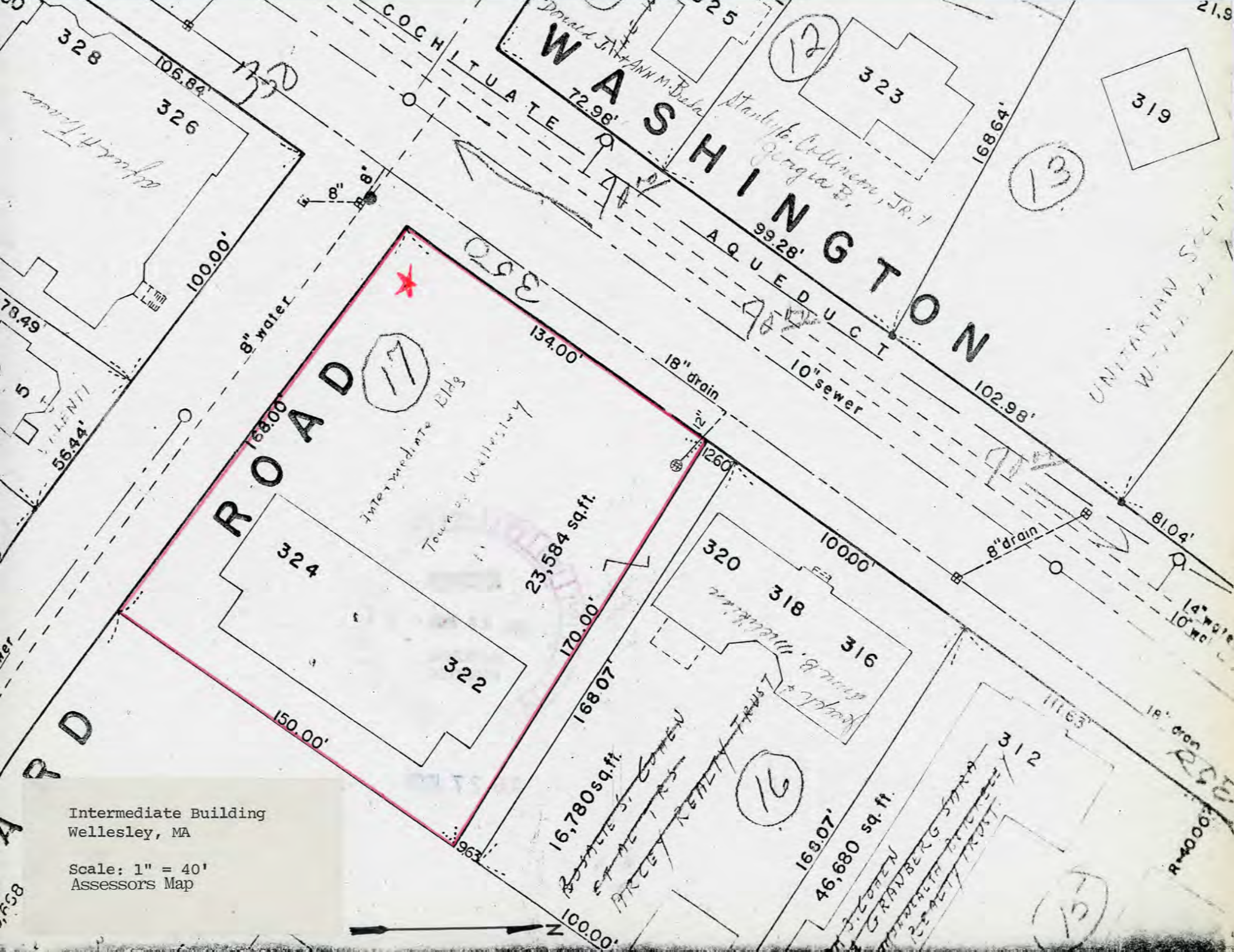
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 8/27/81

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Attest: _____ date

Chief of Registration



Intermediate Building
Wellesley, MA

Scale: 1" = 40'
Assessors Map



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Name Intermediate Building

State, County MA, Norfolk

Fed Nom or Request-Agency _____

Working Number 72881.265

Federal Register Date 2.2.82

- Nomination
- Determination of Eligibility
- On Nomination Form

- Bldg(s)
- Site
- Object
- Structure
- District

- Within:
- Multiple Resource Area
 - Thematic Group

Maps 1
Photos 1

- Nomination prepared by:
- State Staff
 - Local
 - Other

Entered in the
Action: National Register

- ACCEPT 8/27/81
- RETURN _____
- REJECT _____

- Check if Appropriate:
- State Request for Review
 - Keeper's Decision to Review
 - 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good	Adequate	Poor	Comments
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date _____

See Attached _____



WELLESLEY, MA
Intermediate Building

JUL 28 1981

West facade

Photo by Jean Berry

Negative filed with
photographer,

14 Damien Rd, Welles-
ley Hills, MA

1980 AUG 27 1981

Photo 1 of 1

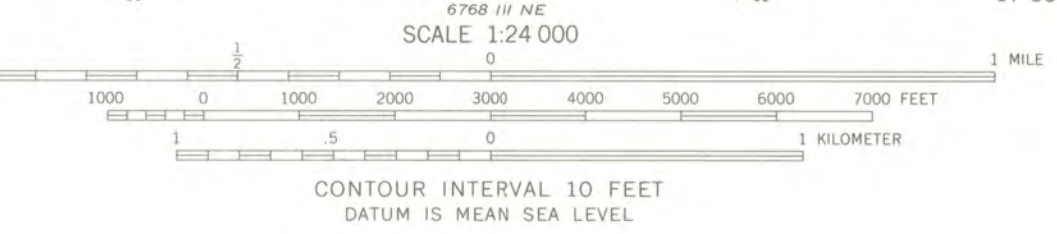
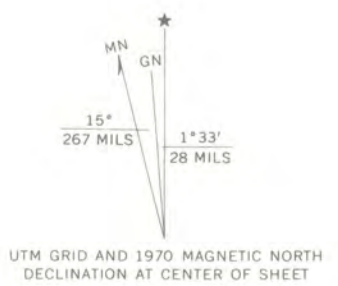
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Photo: Jean N. Berry 1980
(Negative: 14 Damien Road
Wellesley Hills MA)



Intermediate Building
Wellesley, MA
UTM Reference
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Control by USGS, USC&GS and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1940-1941
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
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STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Granite Keystone Bridge	Rockport Essex County
Common Burying Ground at Sandy Bank	Malden Middlesex County
Salem Street Burying Ground	Medford Middlesex County
Intermediate Building	Wellesley Hills Norfolk County
Baxter Mill	West Yarmouth Barnstable County

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