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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Worcester City Hall and Common

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

455 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE
025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
3rd

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ ENTERTAINMENT☒ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Worcester (Francis J. McGrath, City Manager)

STREET & NUMBER

455 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01608

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts 01608

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED *
☐ ALTERED
*Common altered

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Worcester City Hall and Common are located in the center of downtown Worcester. The nominated property comprises five acres of city park area and includes the City Hall building. The recently renovated Common encompasses a reflecting pool and attractive landscaping. Rose bushes, shade trees, shrubbery and lawns occupy most of the area. A monument honoring Colonel Timothy Bigelow of Revolutionary War fame and a monument to the War Dead stand on the property. The Old Burying Ground is also situated in the Common. The Common area is bounded by Main Street to the west, Front Street to the north and east, and Franklin Street to the south. The surrounding area is comprised of the commercial and civic structures of the downtown section of the city.

Worcester City Hall was designed by Boston architects Peabody and Stearns and built in 1898 by the Norcross Company. The building stands on the site of the 1825 Greek Revival Town Hall which was demolished to make way for the new City Hall. The bulk of the building is Second Renaissance Revival in style, a phase of architecture inspired by McKim, Mead and White's Boston Public Library. The tower design is derived from the Tetrecento Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. The four story symmetrical rectangular block is constructed of grey Milford granite. It is 85 feet long, 219 feet wide, and the central tower rises 205 feet above the street. The hip roof of the building and the four sided peak of the tower are covered in red tiles. There are two chimneys and four skylights on the east elevation roof. The design elements of the structure are arranged in the manner of a Renaissance urban palazzo. The first two levels (ground floor and first floor) are grouped by their material and simple window treatments to serve as a base for the full architectural expression of the third level as a piano nobile. This device is a mechanism to house the public ceremonial functions of the building. The fourth level, by its smaller proportions, is expressed as ancillary space to the piano nobile. A simple molded stone band defines the second story floor level. The second story stones are smaller and not so deeply carved as those on the ground level. The third and fourth stories are separated from those below by a double granite band. These two stories are of smooth stone with a more refined detail. The building entablature is ornamented by a frieze of carved rosetts and dentils beneath the bracketed eaves. There is carved decoration at the edge of the eave cornice.

Fenestration is 1/1 and varies in scale from story to story. First story windows are rectangular and plain. Second story windows are larger and are headed by jack arches with beveled voussoirs and heavy keystones. The tops of these arches are linked by the lower granite band mentioned above. Third story windows are round arched with molded architraves. Fourth story windows are similar to those on the ground level but with molded architraves.

The imposing facade faces west toward Main Street. It is emphasized at the center where a two story enclosed entrance portico gives rise to the tower. A heavy carved eagle stands over the central archway and entrance. This archway is flanked by a pair of massive curving Baroque staircases which wind around to both sides of the second floor of the portico. An elaborate central doorway on the third floor above opens out onto a balcony formed by the flat roof of the portico.

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The tower, engaged in the mass of the structure, rises free above. The tower is pierced on all four sides by small paired arched windows approximately half way up. A gilded clock face stands on each side directly above these windows interrupted by a massive cartouche on each corner. A corbelled arched table supports the projecting belfry balcony and parapet wall. The belfry is formed of large rectangular piers which support carved Roman arches on each of the four sides. Above these arches is a bracketed table beneath another parapet wall encircling the base of the roof pinnacle. The central porch and tower section is separated from two end pavillions by a five bay wide main block section on either side.

The facade is accented by the slightly projecting pavillions at both the northern and southern ends. Each pavillion is capped by a low pitched roof and is quoined at both corners of the third and fourth story levels. At the center of each pavillion is a large Roman arch supported by composite pilasters. Both arches contain paired round arched leaded glass windows separated by an engaged composite column. A carved boss occupies the spandrel. At the base of the arch in each pavillion is an elaborately carved stone balcony supported by two heavy carved brackets.

The three bay deep north and south elevations are identical. The first and second stories of both elevations have a double-double-single window pattern from west to east. Second story windows are headed by a tall keystone. The center and western end bays of the third and fourth stories on both elevations are occupied by two full two story Roman arches containing double round arched leaded glass windows identical to those on the facade pavillions. The eastern end bay on both elevations has double round arched windows on the third story and double rectangular windows on the fourth.

A central emphasis is again carried out on the east (rear) elevation facing the Common. A central pavillion with a low pitched roof dominates the elevation. A two story rusticated entrance porch is shallower than that on the main facade. It has double glass doors headed by a six light round arched fan with keystone. The keystone is flanked by cartouches. The flat roof of the porch is encircled by a carved balustrade. The third and fourth stories of the pavillion are occupied by a triple arched window, the center arch being wider and taller than those flanking it. The windows are leaded glass framed by composite pilasters which support carved Roman arch cornices. The corners of this third and fourth story pavillion are quoined. The center section is flanked by a seven bay wide section to either side. The center three arched windows of the third story on both sides have massive carved balconies supported by four large stone brackets at their base. These three windows on both sides are framed by ornamented friezes and a molded flat cornice.

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The building originally contained sixty rooms, now many more. It was constructed to be fireproof throughout and is decorated in marble, quartered oak and mahogany. The most impressive interior feature is a grand staircase leading from the ground floor to the third floor. Its stairs are of marble, the balusters are of cast iron in a heavy Baroque design, and the hand rail is of mahogany.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☒ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Norcross Co./Peabody and Stearns

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Worcester City Hall is significant for its architectural style and prominence in downtown Worcester. It is also significant as the center of governmental affairs in the city since 1898.

Of the original twenty acres of Common land set aside in 1669, five remain. The City Hall stands on this original acreage. In the New England tradition, the Common land was created as a training ground, burying ground and pasture. Captain James Goodwin, the famed "Captain Gooding" of "Yankee Doodle", is reputed to have been an early drill master there. The Old South Meetinghouse was erected on the southwest corner of the Common in 1719. Isaiah Thomas, a printer, read aloud the Declaration of Independence on July 14, 1776 from the steps of the second meetinghouse built on the site of the Old South. This is said to have been the first public reading of the Declaration in New England.

Railroad tracks from the 1850's which traversed the Common were removed in 1877. The Old Burying Ground was surveyed in 1853, and the stones were buried flat underground.

The most recent landtaking occurred in 1973 when construction of the Worcester Center complex required realignment of Salem and Front Streets to the north and east of the Common.

The first Worcester building designed expressly for town offices was a Greek Revival structure constructed in 1825 at a cost of \$9,017.90. It was greatly expanded in 1841 and altered during the ensuing years. Until Mechanics Hall was built in 1857, the Upper Chamber of the Town Hall was the largest hall in Worcester. The present City Hall stands on the site of the 1825 structure. The Massachusetts State Legislature passed an act in 1894 authorizing the City of Worcester to borrow \$300,000 to build a new City Hall. Among nine competing firms, Peabody and Stearns were selected to design the building. Norcross Brothers, a nationally known Worcester contracting firm, were the builders.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Spears, John Pearl, Old Landmarks and Historic Spots, 1931.
Map of the City of Worcester, Walling, 1851.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

DA 1 9 2 6 8 8 4 0 4 6 8 2 6 0 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
BC 1 9 2 6 8 9 8 0 4 6 8 2 3 9 0

AB 1 9 2 6 9 0 2 0 4 6 8 2 5 2 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
CD 1 9 2 6 8 8 10 0 4 6 8 2 5 10 0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Main and Front Streets; proceeding southeasterly along Front Street around corner and continuing southwesterly along Front Street to Franklin Street; continuing northwesterly along Franklin Street to Main Street; continuing northeasterly along Main Street to starting point.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
Francis J. Donahue, Director, Bureau of Land Use Control

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE October 6, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE 10/18/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. H. H. H.

DATE 3 29 78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *W. H. H. H.*

DATE 3.26.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Worcester City Hall and Common

78001405

State Mass.

Working Number 10.27.77.1727

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1, 4 Plans

CONTROL

pl
10.27.77

HISTORIAN

Accept 2/13/78
Franklin
2.2.78

Agree w/ Bill

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Braverman
1.17.78 2.13.78

A question nominating the
mall & pool area. Although it
was once the common, it now has the 1975
look. - Call - for discussion

See telephone report

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Leborich
2/16/78

Although landscaping in front of
City Hall is recent, it is appropriate to
include as (1) part of original setting and
(2) despite change in surface it retains the
originally intended, integral relationship -
govt building with cleared setting/approach.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

proposed
3/29/78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered MAR 29 1978

Federal Register Entry _____

5.2.78

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Worcester City Hall and Common
Worcester, ~~County~~ Massachusetts
1976

Worcester Telegram and Gazette
Same

#1 ~~2~~ 3

Looking northeast toward west facade
and south elevation.

MAR 29 1978

OCT 27 1977

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Worcester City Hall and Common
Worcester, ^{County} Massachusetts
1976

Bureau of Land Use Control
Same, Worcester

#2 ²³

Looking west toward east (rear)
elevation.

MAR 29 1978

OCT 27 1977

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

#2
Rear of City Hall facing west



Worcester City Hall and Common
Worcester, ~~county~~ Massachusetts
1976

Bureau of Land Use Control
Same, Worcester

#3 ⁹³

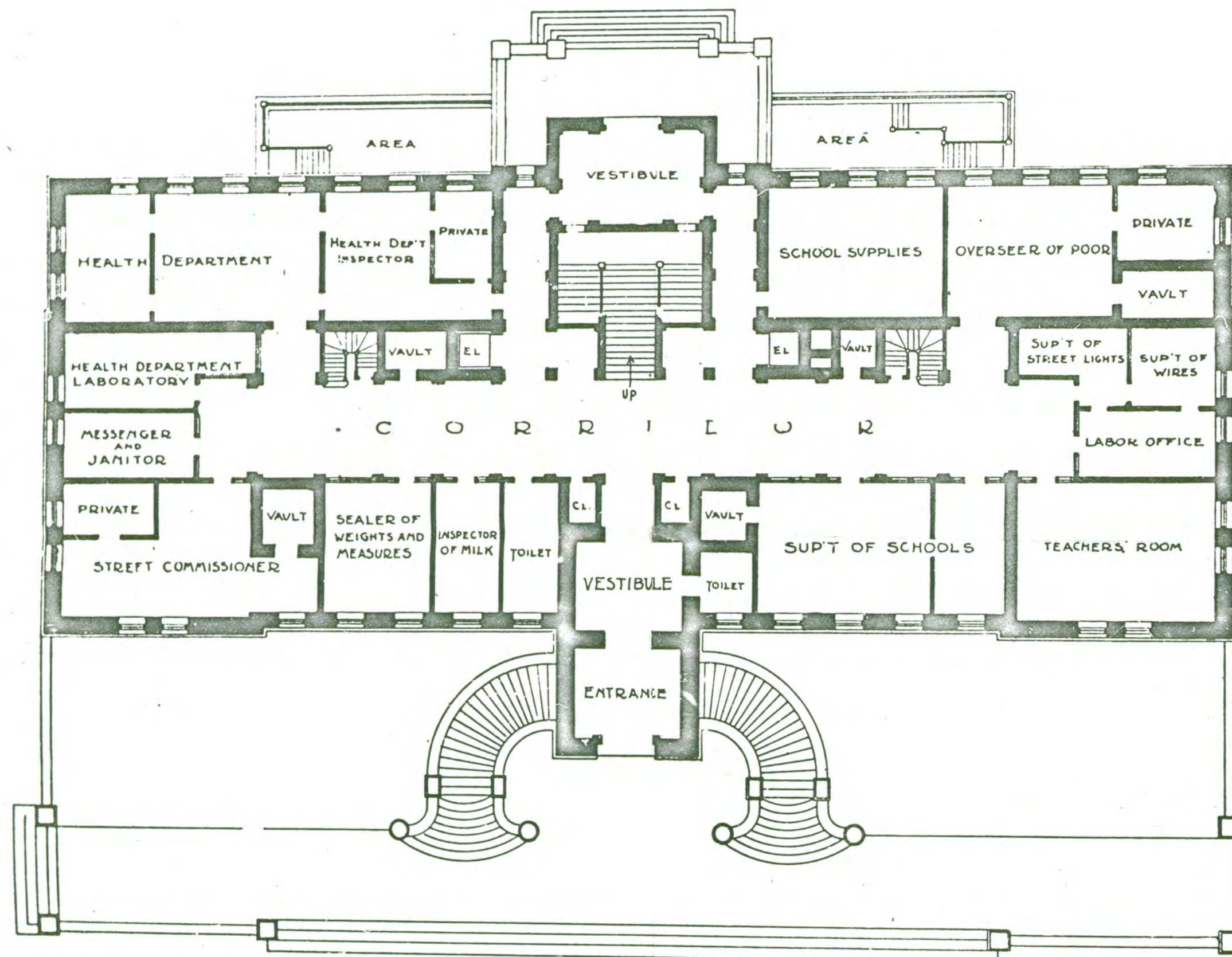
Looking northwest toward south and east el
elevations

MAR 29 1978

OCT 27 1977

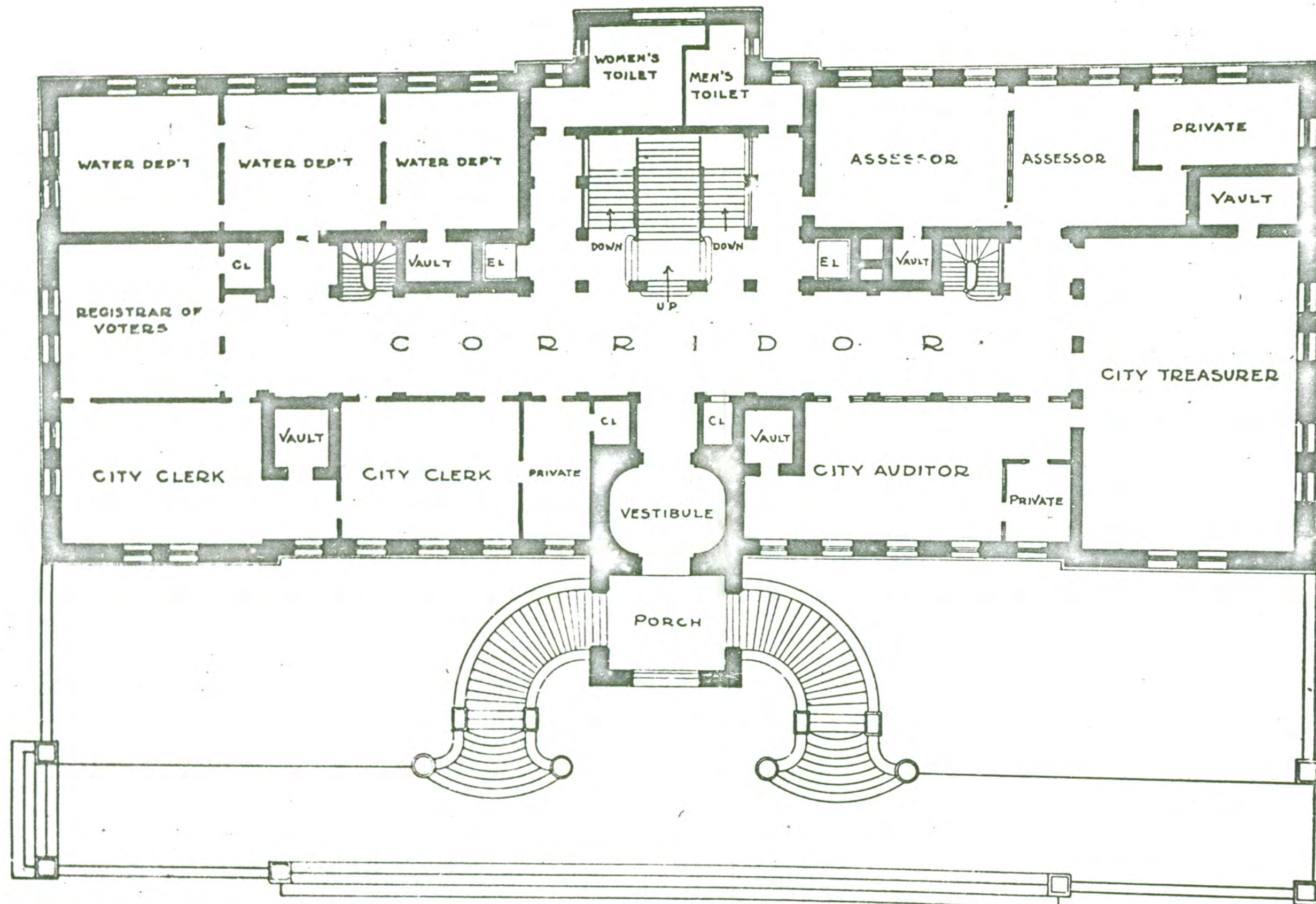
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#3
Rear of City Hall facing Northwest



BASEMENT PLAN:
WORCESTER CITY HALL
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

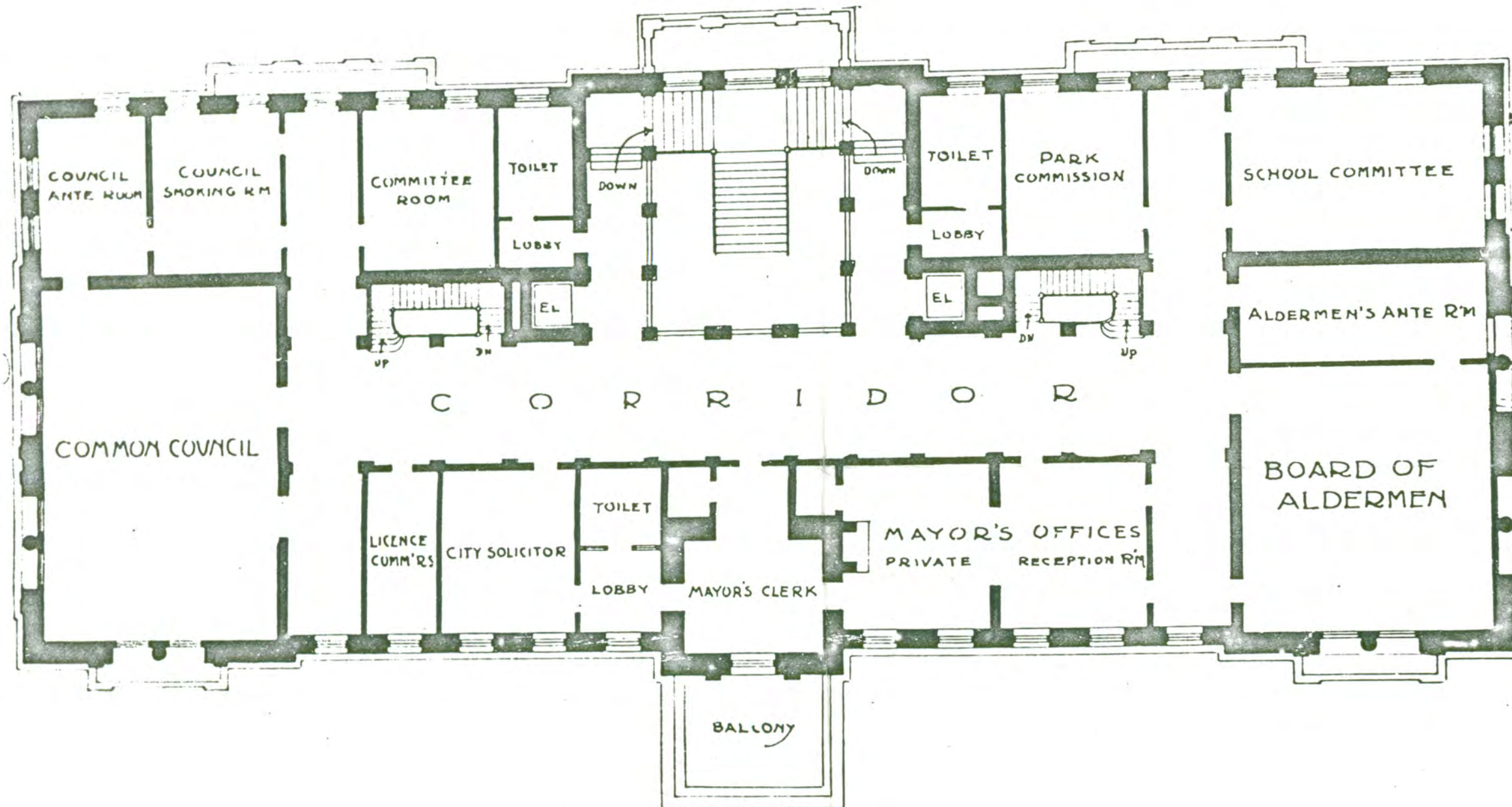
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•FIRST FLOOR PLAN•

WORCESTER CITY HALL
 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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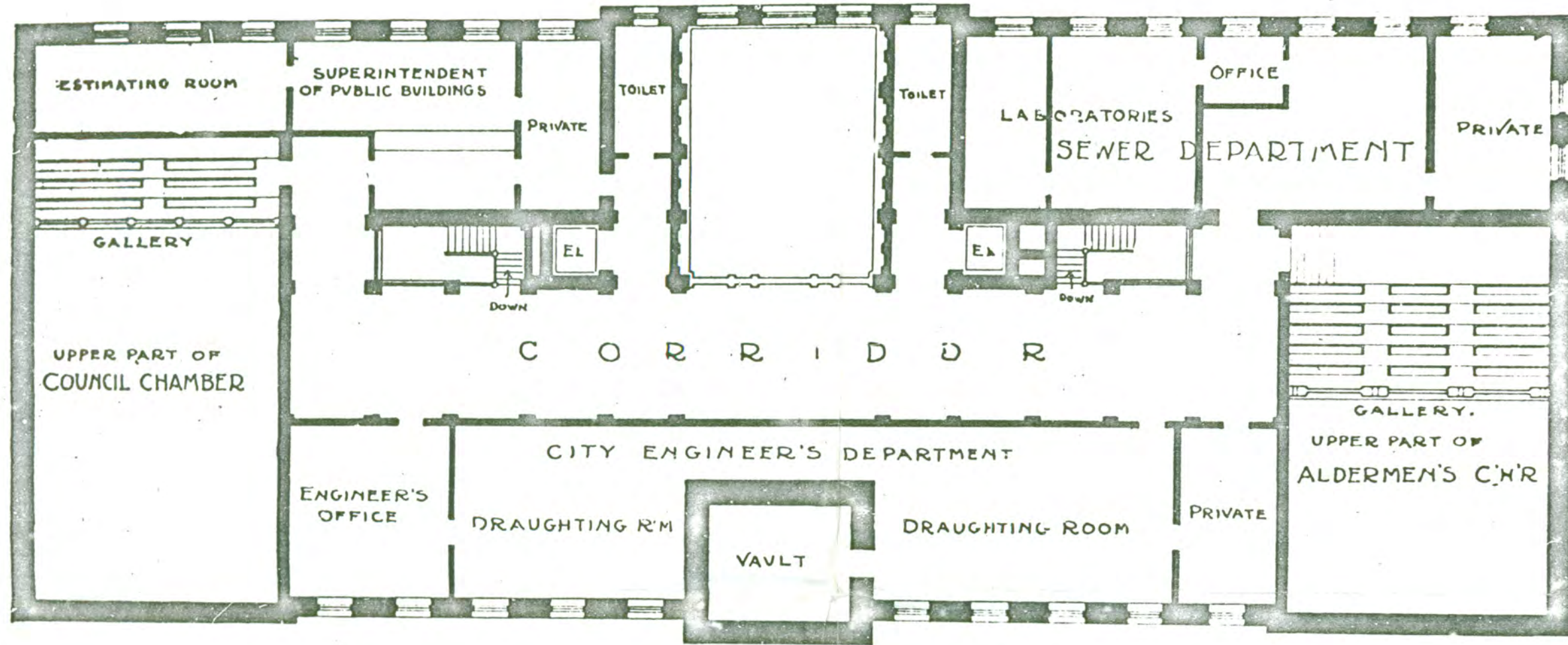


WORCESTER CITY HALL
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

:SECOND FLOOR PLAN:

NOT TO SCALE 20 FEET

MAR 25 1978



WORCESTER CITY HALL
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

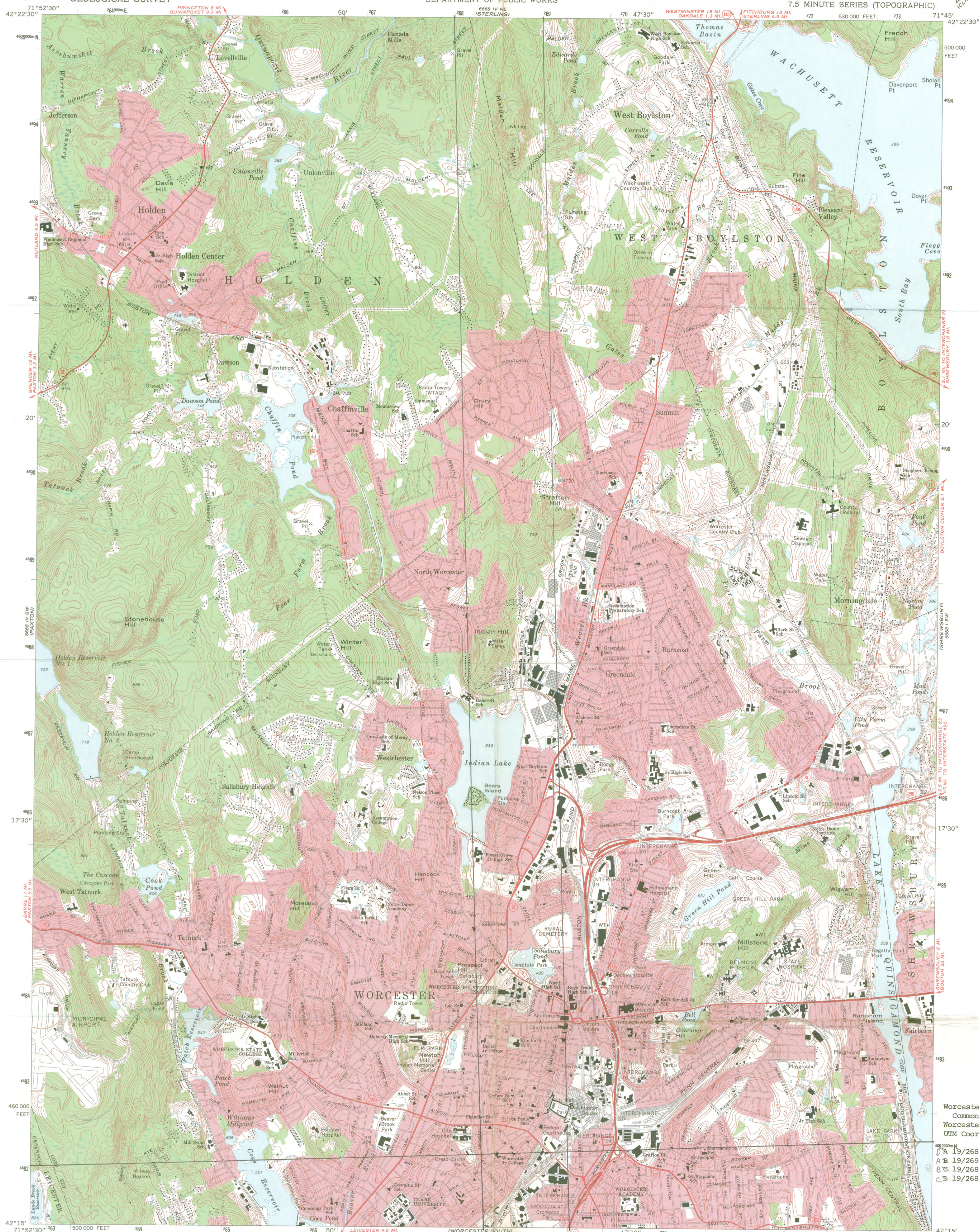
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20 FEET

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

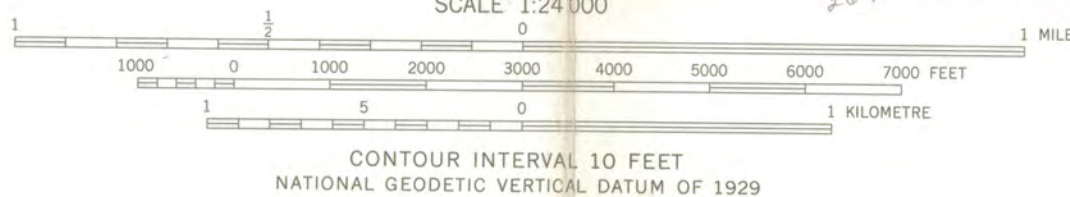
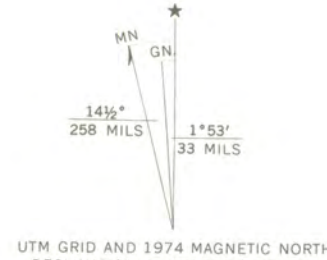
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WORCESTER NORTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS—WORCESTER CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1974
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue.

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

WORCESTER NORTH, MASS.
N4215—W7145/7.5

1974
AMS 6668 IV SE—SERIES V814



MAR 25 1978

DATE 2.13.78

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☐ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Joe Infant

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mars Hill, Conn

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Worcester City Hall

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Felt important to nominate all since
gradual eating away. Wanted to preserve
what was left of common - pool
takes a small portion only -

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Barham

TITLE

Arch His

OFFICE

N. L.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAR 29 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cottage Farm Historic District	Brookline Norfolk County
Worcester City Hall and Common	Worcester Worcester County
Cutter, Ephraim, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Bixby Block/Home Bank Building	Brockton Plymouth County
Dalton House	Newburyport Essex County
Page, Nathaniel, House	Bedford Middlesex County
King Caesar House	Duxbury Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Robert F. Drinan
Hon. Joseph D. Early
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. James A. Burke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Hon. Jerry E. Studds

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

**Advisory
Council On
Historic
Preservation**

1522 K Street NW.
Washington D.C.
20005

JAN 17 1980

Mr. Edward R. Fleischman
Chief, Planning and Analysis Division
Office of Transit Assistance
Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Worcester Co, MASS.



Dear Mr. Fleischman:

On January 10, 1980, the Council received your determination that installation of bus shelters using financial assistance from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration would not adversely affect the Worcester City Hall and Common, Worcester, Massachusetts, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with Section 800.6(a) of the Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800), the Executive Director does not object to your determination.

As provided in Section 800.9 of the Council's regulations, a copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jordan E. Tannenbaum
Chief, Eastern Division
of Project Review

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Worcester City Hall and Common			② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: MAR 29 1978		④ county code: 27		
⑤ LOCATION street & number 455 Main St.			city / town Worcester		vicinity of		state MA		
					county Worcester		⑥ NPS REGION: NA		
⑦ OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☒ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)						⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:			
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL			⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 3rd		⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO			⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑮ ACREAGE		if state who prepared form? ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION		
⑯ CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair			☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated		☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated		⑰ features: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9		
⑱ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown			⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑳ SAVED? ☐ YES		IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☐ no		
㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:			☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25			㉒ CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:			㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:			㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
㉖ architectural style(s):			㉗ architect:		㉘ master builder:		㉙ engineer:		
㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉛ interior decorator:		㉜ artist:		㉝ artisan:		㉞ builder/contractor:	
㉟ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:									
㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP									

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.
130-CBD-
37

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Rolls 28 & 29

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

1. Town Worcester

Address 455 Main Street

Name Worcester City Hall & Common

Present use city hall & park

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1898

Source see attached information

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect Peabody & Stearns of Boston

Exterior wall fabric granite

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features see attached National Register

of Historic Places Inventory--Nomination

Form

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 300'

Approximate distance of building from street
40'

6. Recorded by see attached form

Organization _____

Date information prepared October 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
see attached nomination form for historical background.

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



30 AUG 1979

130-CBD-37

Worcester City Hall & Courthouse

455 Main St.

Worcester MA

East elevation



Roll 29

JAN 1978

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Prestige I

130 - CBD - 37
Worcester City Hall & Common
455 Main St
Worcester MA, MA
West elevation