

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Dillaway School

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16-20 Kenilworth Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Boston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Suffolk

CODE

025

**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

School House Associates

STREET &amp; NUMBER

50 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Boston

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Suffolk County Registry of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Pemberton Square

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1979

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Dillaway School is located in the Roxbury Highlands section of Boston and is also a short distance away from the Dudley Station transportation and commercial center. It is located on the Kenilworth Street, a loop street away from through traffic. It is surrounded by a paved schoolyard.

The Dillaway School is built of brick with stone trim. The central portion of the building is two stories high with a "mansard" type of roof; the "mansard" is not continued on the rear elevation, which has a plain brick third story. There are two slightly projecting three-story wings with hipped roofs. The plain brick surface of the building is set off by prominent string courses and other contrasting detail. The building is stylistically eclectic, but Renaissance motifs predominate, especially in the central entrance bay, the arches over the second-story windows and the symmetrical massing and fenestration of the building as a whole.

The facade of the Dillaway School faces northwest on Kenilworth Street. The entrance bay projects slightly from the central section of the building, as does the portion of the third-story "mansard" roof over it. The main door to the building is recessed within the entrance porch. On the first floor level, there are simplified pilasters made of stone blocks supporting a stone entablature. Stone brackets inside the door frame also support the entablature. The same kind of pilaster treatment is continued in the second floor of the entrance bay, which contains three windows surmounted by large lunette. The glass in the lunette displays the name of the school. The entrance bay has its own cornice slightly above that of the rest of the central portion of the facade. There is one small dormer.

The main facade is completely symmetrical. On either side of the entrance bay, there are four windows each at basement, first floor and second-floor levels. There are stone arches over the second-floor windows and stone string courses above and beneath the windows on both floors. At roof level, there is one recessed window at the extreme end on either side. On either side of the central section of the building is a slightly projecting, three-story wing. The string courses of the central section continue across the wings and the windows are of the same type, although wider. At the roof level, each wing has a Baroque style dormer with scrolls, containing an oculus.

The end elevations of the Dillaway School are symmetrical in massing and asymmetrical in fenestration. The central sections contain the staircases and project slightly from the wall and are surmounted by two chimneys. There are two windows each between basement and first-floor, first-floor and second-floor, and second-floor and third-floor levels. The topmost pair of windows is surmounted by a large lunette similar to the one on the main facade of the building, except that the original small-paned glass is visible. Over the lunette and above the main cornice is a small oculus. The fenestration of the facade is continued on the half of the end elevations closest to the street. The other half is a plain brick wall surface with no windows.

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The rear elevation of the Dillaway School consists of a central block corresponding to that on the facade and the two wings which project considerably further in the rear than they do in the front. Each of the wings has four windows on each floor, and there are rounded projections with windows on the insides of the wings. There is a curving bay (plain brick except for the first floor) in the center of this elevation. There were originally two lunettes on the second floor. There are only minimal window openings in the center portion of this elevation.

There have been virtually no significant exterior alterations to the Dillaway School. On the second floor of the entrance bay, a large lunette window has been blocked up. Currently, the building is being renovated and converted to residential use.

# 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 checked="" 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 1882-3

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George A. Clough

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dillaway School is significant as a fine example of late 19th-century schoolhouse construction. It is also important as one of the few surviving school buildings by Boston's first city architect. It retains integrity of location, design, and workmanship.

The architect, George A. Clough, son of a Maine shipbuilder, was associated first with the Boston firm of Snell and Gregerson. In 1875, he became the first City Architect of Boston and held the office for ten years. Through annexation, Boston had by 1875 expanded to almost its present size. New schools and other buildings were needed to keep pace with the enormous growth of residential construction. Clough is said to have designed more than 25 school buildings in Boston. Except for the Dillaway and the Prince School on Newbury Street, few of these remain standing. Clough is also credited with being the first to introduce the German method of school planning in his 1877 designs for the Boston Latin and English High Schools. The German method frequently featured classrooms arranged around an open courtyard. The Dillaway School is an example of the German method as applied to smaller school buildings, in which adequate light and ventilation are ensured by the size and arrangement of the classrooms and windows. Clough designed schoolhouses elsewhere in the state. He was also the architect of the Suffolk County Courthouse and St. Mark's Church in Brookline (NR).

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Damrell, Charles S. A Half Century of Boston's Building. Boston: Louis P. Hager, 1895, pp. 60-61.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 27,280 sq. ft.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

QUADRANGLE NAME Boston South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,9 | 3,2,8 | 0,3,0 | 4,6,8,8 | 1,7,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached map on which the boundaries are delineated.

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

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with

Cynthia Zaitzevsky, Consultant  
Schoolhouse 77 Associates

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

# 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

Patricia L. Weclawski

DATE

1/4/80

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

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

John Bruce Mac Dougall  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1/9/80

ATTEST: Patrick Andrews  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

4/7/80





Property Dilloway School

ref no 80001683

State Ma. - Suffolk

Working Number 1-29-80 380

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 1  
Maps 2

*This building is eligible for arch/education and its association with Boston's first city architect - built in 1882-3, this three story brick building, with its Renaissance motif and stone trim, its two story entrance (with mansard roof) reflects Boston's dedication to public education. It is one of the few remaining buildings constructed by the city's first architect. Virtually unaltered on the exterior, the bldg. retains its sense of time and place.*

**HISTORIAN**

*accept  
Patrick Andrus  
4/2/80*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2. 3. 81

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Dillaway School  
Boston, Mass.

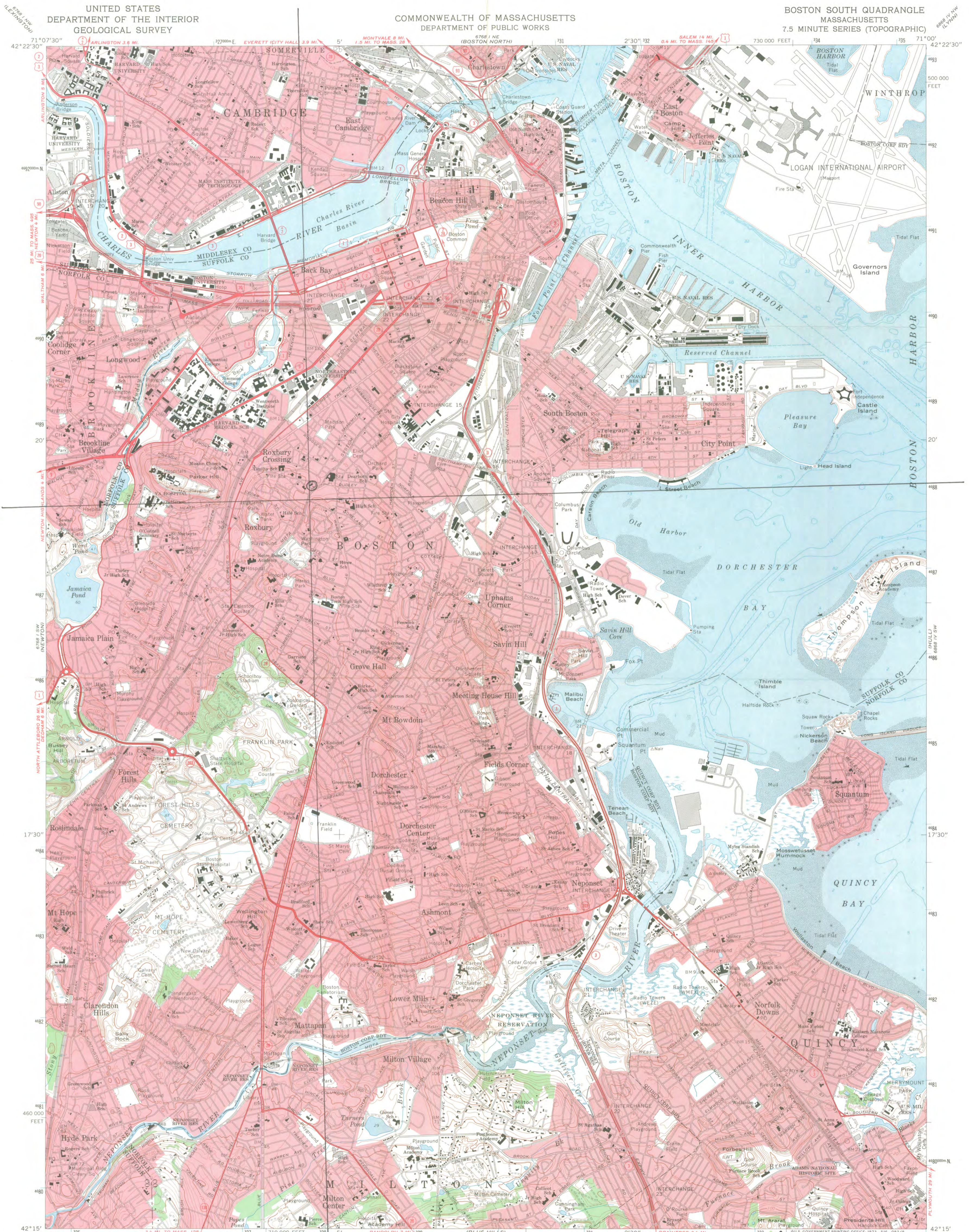
*Suffolk Co.*

Randolph Phoulds 1978  
144 Moody St., Waltham, Mass.

Photo #1 View from Kenilworth St. looking  
northeast toward Dudley

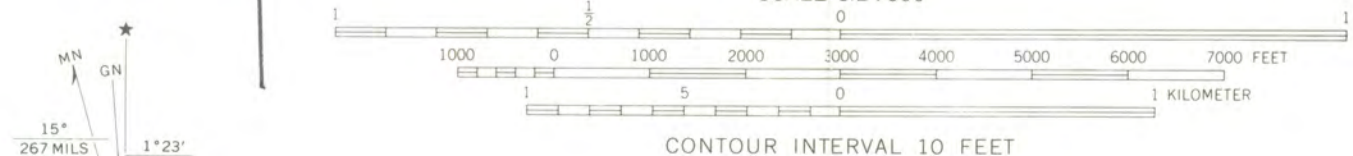
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Control by USGS, USCGS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by plane-table surveys 1943. Revised from  
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from US&GS Charts 246  
and 248 (1971). This information is not intended for navigational  
purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN LOW WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.  
N4215-W7100/7.5  
1970  
AMS 6768 1 SE-SERIES V814



Dillaway School  
Boston, Mass.  
UTM REFERENCES:  
19/528030/4688170

DATE

4/3/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM  
PM

1. CALL  TO:  FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mass. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Dillaway School - Suffolk Co.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I asked her to find out how long this bldg. served as a schoolhouse.

4/7 The only information she has found is that the bldg. was used as a school until its closing sometime within the last decade.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Echo Bridge	Town of Needham, City of Newton Norfolk and Middlesex County
Swetland-Pease House	East Longmeadow vicinity Hampden County
Rice, Capt. Peter, House	Marlborough Middlesex County
First Baptist Church	Framingham Middlesex County
Oakes, Edward, House	Medford Middlesex County
McGill, John H., House	Medford Middlesex County
Dillaway School	Boston Suffolk County
Berger Factory	Boston Suffolk County

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable John J. Moakley  
Honorable Robert F. Drinan  
Honorable Edward P. Boland  
Honorable Joseph D. Early  
Honorable Edward J. Markey

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission  
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Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Byers/bjr      4/17/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.