

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 89205
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1. Town Marlborough
 Address Sawin Street
 Name Hildreth Elementary School
 Present use Same as Above

Present owner City of Marlborough

3. Description: 2 Story Brick Building
 Date 1930
 Source Pub. Local Histories

Style _____
 Architect M. A. Dyer Company

Exterior wall fabric Red Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

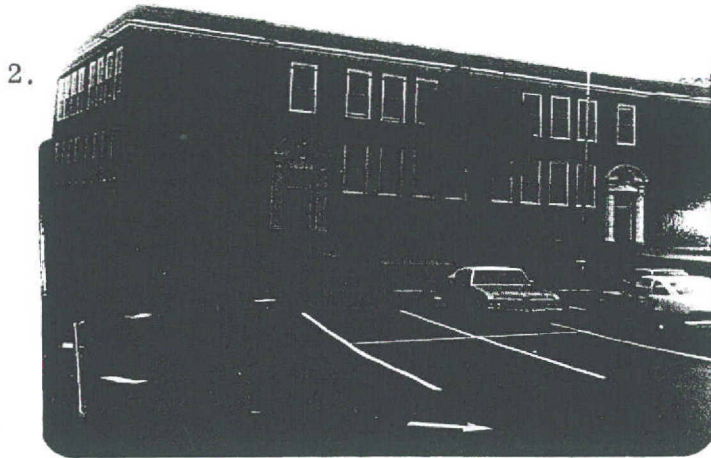
Other features Twin entrances are beautiful, cornice of wood has dental work.

Altered _____ Date 1970

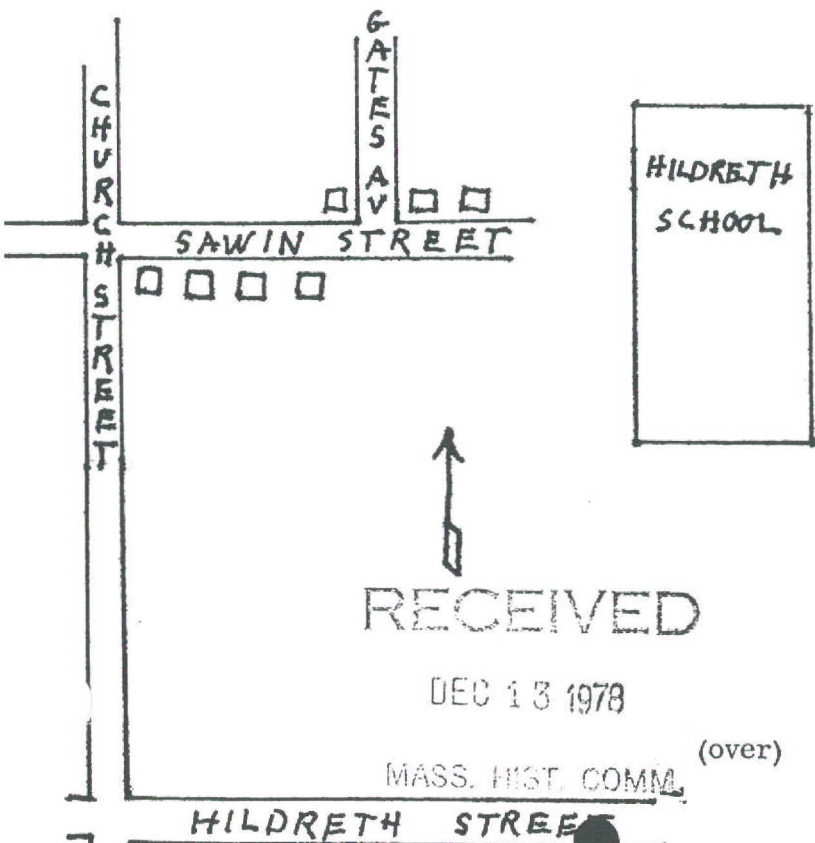
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
 Approximate frontage Many Acres
 Approximate distance of building from street
50 Feet

6. Recorded by Ernest Ginnetti
 Organization Marlborough Historical Commission
 Date 10/5/78



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



7. Original owner (if known) City of Marlborough

Original use Elementary School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same as Above

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The old Hildreth School was built in 1882 in the same year as the old Bigelow School, and according to the State Department of Education the cost of both schools was \$17,937.22.

The new Hildreth School was built in 1930 at a cost of \$159,000, and it contained sixteen class rooms, including principals office, emergency room, teachers room and a large playroom which could convert into an assembly room. It was originally heated by oil with up to date arrangements for ventilation and sanitation.

I believe this school was named for Doctor Hildreth who was instrumental in organizing the Marlborough City Hospital also covered in this survey. As with the other elementary schools it was enlarged in 1970 and for what its worth this surveyor called it home for nine years. It has a little league baseball park, a large wading pool and Farrel Field which is used both for baseball and soccer.

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

History of Marlborough by J. A. Pitman, Superintendant of Schools 1905.

Dedication of the Hildreth School, Marlborough School Committee, 1931.

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Community

Property

Marlborough

Hildreth School

Massachusetts Historical Commission
 80 Boylston Street
 Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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**Additional information by Anne Forbes, consultant to Marlborough Historical Commission,
 3/31/94:**

ASSESSOR'S # 70-350. 7.6 acres.

PHOTO #24-6; 4/94.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

The first of two flat-roofed, two-story Colonial Revival brick elementary schools south of Main Street designed by M.A. Dyer, the Hildreth School was built in 1930, one year before its smaller companion, the Bigelow School on Orchard Street. (See Form #88.) The larger and more elaborate of the two, the Hildreth, basically a rectangular block, has a slight H-plan footprint because of the shallow projection on the facade of the two end wings. The wings are eight window-bays deep, but are windowless on the facade. The center section of the facade has two entries, with eight window bays between them. The high, projecting basement story has a molded-brick water table, a brick band course separates the first and second story levels, and brick quoining embellishes the building corners. As at the Bigelow, the windows have flared-brick lintels; those at the first story have concrete keystones. Also like the Bigelow, a prominent molded and modillioned wooden cornice rings the building just below a solid brick roof parapet.

The focal point of this building is clearly the two large, wooden Colonial Revival entries at either end of the main facade, where rusticated Ionic pilasters support a broken segmental-arched, modillioned pediment. Within each pediment is a large medallion in a carved foliate surround. This building retains both of its multi-light and panel double-leaf doors, which, with a ten-light transom, are recessed under a keystone lintel. Both the entry steps and the plinths of the pilasters are of granite.

Alterations: 1-story brick southeast wing, all windows replaced with new 12-over-12 metal sash: 1970-1971.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

This building, like the Bigelow School, was situated farther off the main streets than its predecessor. It replaced the old wood-frame school that had stood since 1882 at the southeast corner of Hildreth and Church Streets, and was positioned to take advantage of a large 7.6-acre site that was to eventually include baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, and the community swimming pool.

BIBLIOGRAPHY, cont.

Centennial '90: Marlborough the City.
 Maps and atlases: Sanborn maps.

[] Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, a completed National Register Criteria Statement form is attached.*

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