

Site
number:Address So. School St.
cor.New tax map(1979) U1 lot 60 size 15,957sq.
Old tax map 5 lot 35 size ft.Owner HAVEN SCHOOL, INC.
Address So. School StreetLocation of legal description:
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
03833Representation in existing surveys:
HABS NR NHL
HAER OtherDate 1846 remodelled 1895*
Source: Estimate Other: Gurney, 154.Historic name Whipple School
Common name Whipple School
Original owner
Architect/bldr.Functional type school
Present use, if different
condominium housing (since 1980)Moved Date
Altered DateEffect: Focal x Contributing
non-contributing Intrusion*1895 work: Henry S. Paul, arch.; Byron Dame,
contractor, carpenter's work; Charles H.
Holmes, labor; George A. Trafton, iron work.
A.B. Trefethen, contractor, mason work.Photo roll 3 no. 36
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description
Date taken byRichardsonian
1. Style Romanesque No. of stories 2 No. of bays 9 x 9

2. Overall plan: Roughly square.

3. Foundation: Brick Stone^{cut} x Poured concrete x Concrete block
Artificial stone Other wing and ell4. Wall structure: Woodframe Brick x Stone Other
If wood: Post and beam Balloon frame5. Wall covering: Clapboard Wood shingle Flushboard Imitation ashlar
Brick x Stone Stucco Composition board Aluminum Vinyl
Sheet metal Asphalt shingles Other

6. Roof: Gable Hip x Shed Mansard Flat x Gambrel Other

7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors,
chimnies, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
Two story falt roofed wing on left side with one story ell behind it.

8. Outbuildings:

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Description:

A two story brick school building built in , Whipple School has a cut granite foundation and hip roof (covered with slate). It has two large chimneys with corbelled tops, located at the tops of the side roof slopes. Other features include the corbel-table brick cornice, rectangular granite lintels and sills and Richardsonian arched entry trimmed with hammer dressed voussoirs of staggered length. To this main block was added a two story wing on the left which continues - in concrete - the window trim of the original, but has a projecting classical cornice with stepped parapet above (typical Beaux Arts classicism of c. 1900-1935); in the corner, facing front, is an enclosed entry with double doors and a large Federal Revival fanlight. The wing and its one story rear ell are set on a poured concrete foundation.

Gurney states that Haven School was built in 1846, being the first school in Portsmouth with more than two rooms and, further, that "... whatever attempt at ornamentation there is about it is due to its recent remodelling."

Bibliography:

Gurney, 91 ("The first public schoolhouse in Portsmouth stood about on this spot..."), 154, 152D.

1895 Portsmouth Annual Report, pp. 29f. Heating:

"Underhill Warming and Ventilating Co."

(Repairs and alterations, Haven School House. Listed under "Expenditures from January 1 to May 27, 1895.")