

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	GRN.75
Historic Name:	Granville Public Library
Common Name:	
Address:	2 Granby Rd
City/Town:	Granville
Village/Neighborhood:	Granville
Local No:	49
Year Constructed:	1901
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Richardsonian Romanesque
Use(s):	Library
Significance:	Architecture; Education
Area(s):	GRN.D: Granville Village GRN.F: Granville Village Historic District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (11/05/1991)
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Brick; Glass; Stone, Cut Foundation: Cobblestone



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA D F FORM NO. 75

Pl - Granville



Granville

Address 2 Granby Road

Historic Name Granville Public Library

Present Library

Original Library

DESCRIPTION

1901

Deed

Romanesque

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition Good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage Less than 1 acre

Setting Village

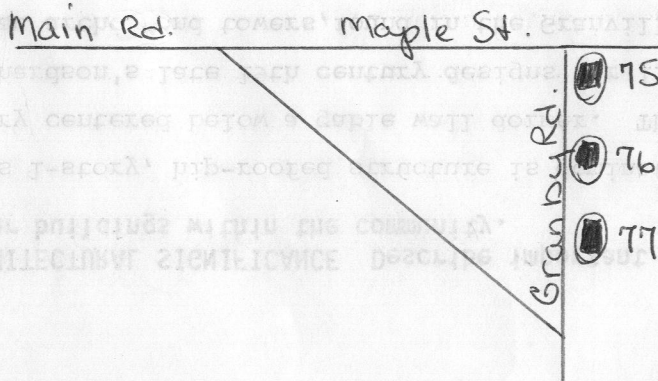
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Organization Granville Historic Commission

Date August 1987

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

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UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Southwick

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1-story, hip-roofed structure is dominated by a triparted round arched recessed entry centered below a gable wall dormer. The design may have been influenced by H.H. Richardson's late 19th century designs for libraries. His buildings typically had Roman arches and towers, elements found in the Granville Library.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The land for the library was a gift from Milton B. Whitney and Ralph D. Cooley. Money for the town library was raised over a number of years by a group of Granville women who formed the Granville Library Club. Among the participants were Mrs. Ralph Cooley, Mrs. Orville Noble, Mrs. Silas Root, Mrs. Milo Seymour, and Mrs. Nell Gibbons. Fund raising began in 1896, construction commenced in 1900 and ended in 1901 and the library opened in 1902.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

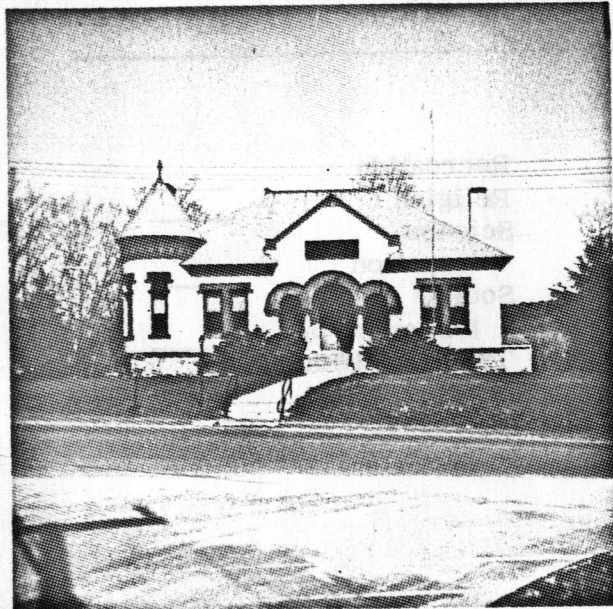
- Registry of Deeds - 651/86 (1902)
- Wilson - History of Granville, pg. 349 - 357

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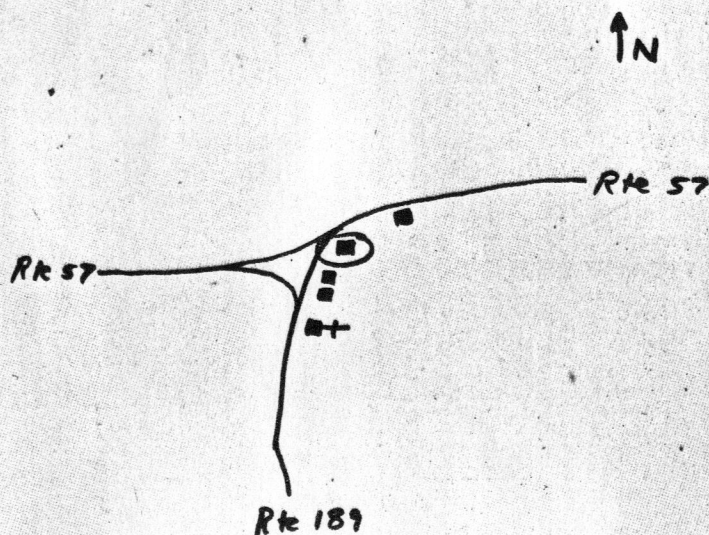
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant
Southwest (141)
MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Granville (Granville Village)

Address Rte 57 at Rte 189

Granville Public Library

Present use public library

Present owner _____

3. Description:

Date 1900

Source stone inscription on bldg.

Style Richardsonian or Romanesque

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric stone & brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

30'

6. Recorded by AMB

Organization L.P.V.R.P.C.

Date 4/20/73

(over)

JUN 30 1973

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use public library

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

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

