

Westborough Public Library

### The Rise of Middle Class America

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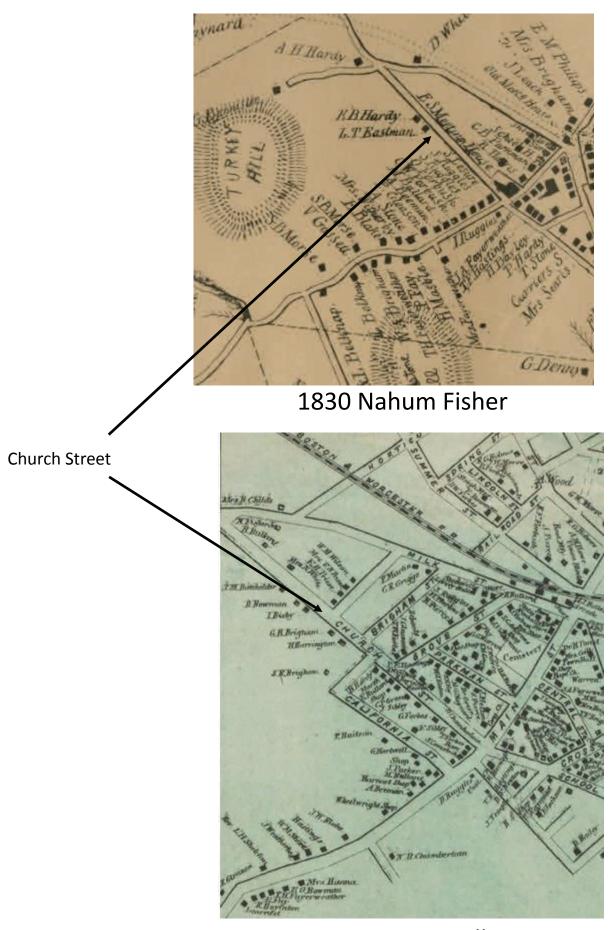
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1857 Henry F. Walling

### **Church Street**

#11 & #13 circa 1870's

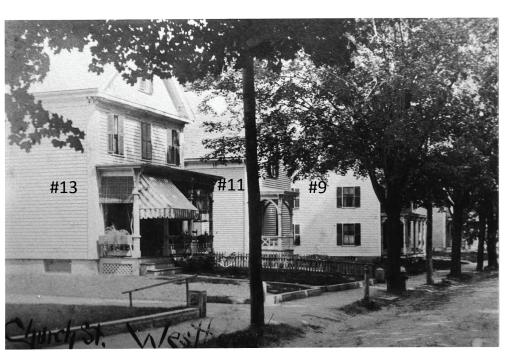
#9 circa 1840's

Home of Edward Howe

Forbush, ornithologist,

founder of Mass

Audubon Society





8 Church Street (site before Kirkside)

Kirkside — Colonial Revival 1917

( now Right at Home)





#12 Church Street (circa 1900)

Colonial Revival / Shingle Style

2nd Adventist, later Methodist (who moved from 30 Milk Street, now the New Hope Chapel)

IN 1966 purchased by the Siloam Lodge for a Masonic Hall

Eli Whitney School (built 1906) 15 Grove Street (Now the YWCA)

Classical Revival Style



Eli Whitney School Graduating Class of 1924



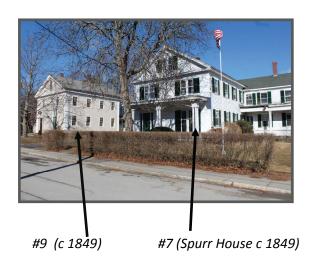
# Parkman Street



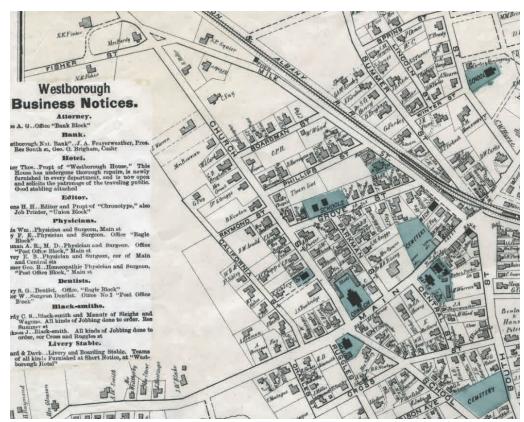
Eli Whitney School

#10—circa 1839





One of the newest residential streets (circa 1840s) in the historic district



1870 J. B. Beers



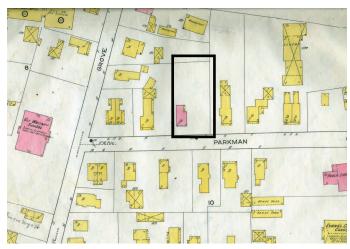
#13 Parkman

William H. and Francis Sibley

Blacksmiths, then sleigh makers Owners of 11, 15, 20, and 24 West Street

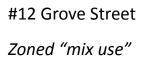
Insurance Maps from 1904 (upper) and from 1913 (to the right).

Note the impact the automobile has on 19th century industries





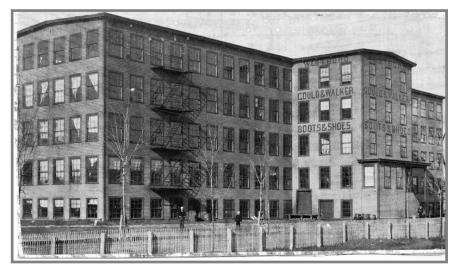
1878 George H. Walker



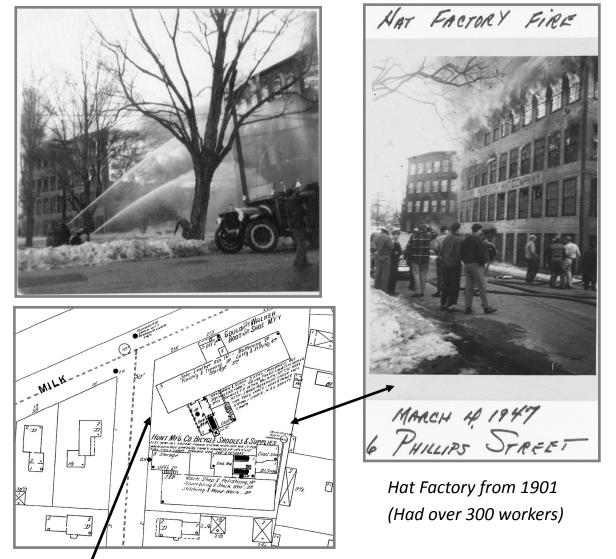


#### Location of Westborough Fire Department

Fire department began in 1842. Today site of new fire department facility (circa 2014)



#50 Milk Street 1887—1901



Gould and Walker Boot Shop 1887 (Later owned by H.E. Brigham)

Owned by Rasmussen Shoes Company, 1930 until destroyed by fire, March 1947

#### Westborough Fire Station—built 1888, demolished c 2014

Style: Romanesque/High Victorian Gothic

Constructed for \$13,000





Photo circa 1900

Photo circa 1920s

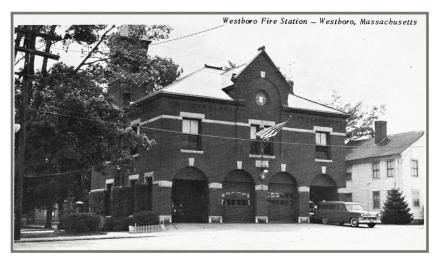
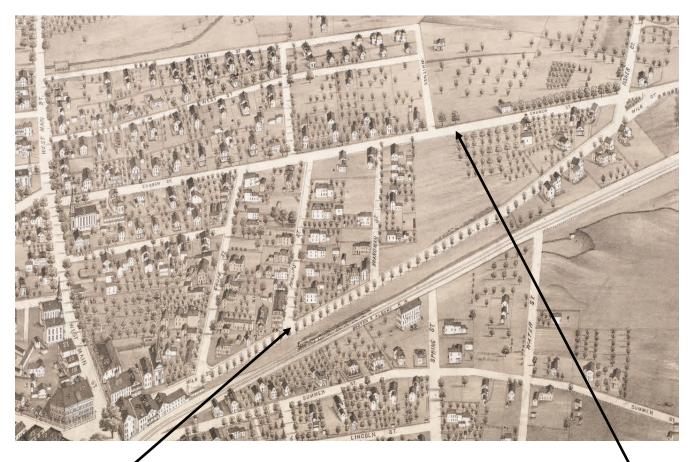


Photo circa 1950's



Constructed for approx. \$11 million—2014



Milk Street

1880 E. H. Bigelow



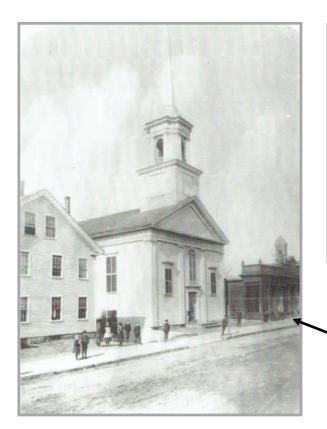
1888 O.H. Bailey

Milk Street

# First Methodist Church 1864—1897

30 Milk Street

Grange purchased in 1898 and church moved to 12 Church Street







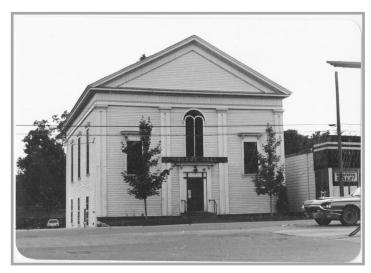


photo circa 1970's

# Historic Rehabilitation 3 –5 Milk Street using Historic Tax Credits



Photo circa 1890s



Before Historic Rehabilitation

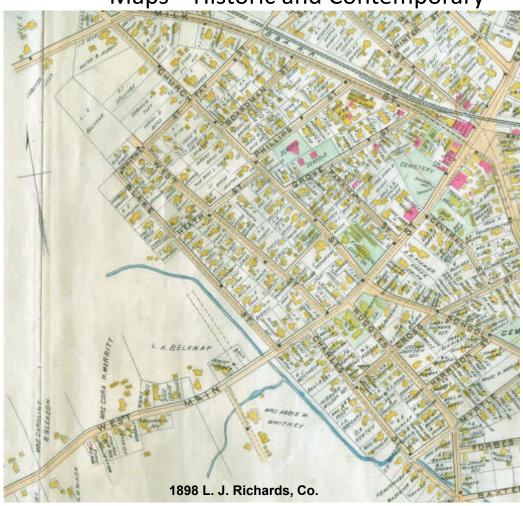


After Historic Rehabilitation



The *Look Up!* campaign begins

Maps—Historic and Contemporary



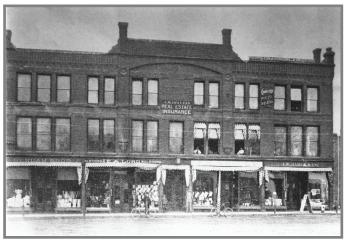


Current Assessors (GIS) maps—available online



## 1 West Main Street

2nd Meeting House—Arcade Building



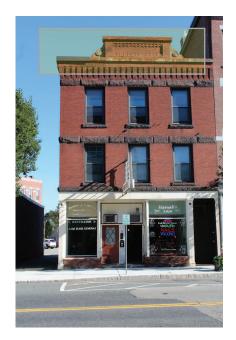




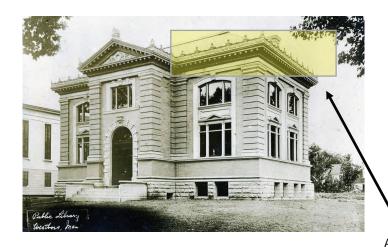
# Details, Details . . . it's all in the Details

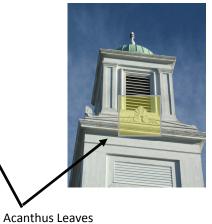






18 West Main St.





High School, Westborough, Mass.

Balustrade-Parapet



What was lost can be restored!