

The Purchase Street School

The Purchase Street School on the corner of Charles Street built in 1845. Located at 3-5 Purchase Street.

Replaced & Sacrificed along with three other schools to create the single Brown School at the corner of Milk and Lime Street.

The City decided to build the Brown School in 1922, it was finally finished in 1924. The original building looked different than it does in 2022, the only image that I could find is a drawing in the newspaper. The school was described as having two wings with a daylight corridor extending the full width. The rooms were laid out so that every room would receive sunlight during some part of the day. The front of the school was altered at a later date.

Four schools, the Temple Street School built in 1848, the Johnson School at Hancock Street built in 1853, the Purchase Street School on the corner of Charles Street built in 1845, and the Bromfield Street School built in 1856, were all closed and the students were transferred to the Brown School in 1924.

The Brown school was named for George W, Brown who was the principal of the Jackman school when he retired in 1926. (There is lots more information on George Brown on the map map.marybakerart.com)

The City of Newburyport took four properties by eminent domain on Milk and Lime Streets to build the Brown School. (There is a lot more information on this on the map map.marybakerart.com)

The Brown School closed 2015, in 2022 the City of Newburyport is still trying to decide how the location should be used.

Bromfield was sold at auction 1924 and converted to apartments.

References:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNewburyportBlog/photos/the-brown-school-is-on-the-newburyport-interactive-history-map-mapmarybakerartco/4838550826227649/>

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THE NEW GEORGE W. BROWN SCHOOL AND THOSE IT DISPLACES



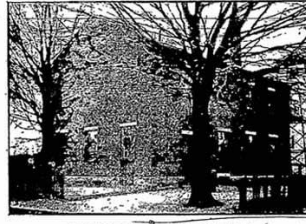
TEMPLE STREET SCHOOL.
Built in 1848.

STATISTICS OF THE NEW GEORGE W. BROWN SCHOOL

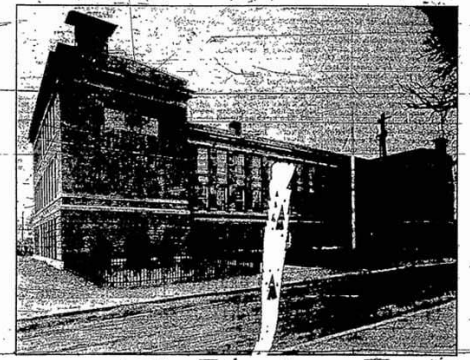
Erected at a cost of \$173,357.65.
Architect, James E. Allen, of Lawrence.
General Contractor, Louis W. McManis of N. Andover.
Contract signed December 15, 1922. Work of construction began in April, 1923, and so far "well" fully completed, but practically so.
Outside dimensions—Frontage—Milk street—154 ft 6 inches; depth—Main street—64 ft 8 inches; for story and basement—Surface rooms 14 class rooms, accommodations for approximately 550 pupils; twelve class rooms looking to 1924 each \$100 to each.



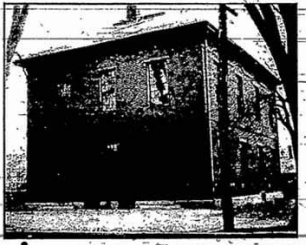
PURCHASE STREET SCHOOL.
Built in 1845.



JOHNSON SCHOOL, HANCOCK STREET.
Built in 1863.



THE GEORGE W. BROWN SCHOOL.



BROMFIELD STREET SCHOOL.
Built in 1856.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW GEORGE W. BROWN SCHOOL

The funds available for this school make the principal address of the day. new is a community which is alive to the highest office, responsibility—the possession of the memory of your City. It is a duty to be performed while and the maintenance of good schools. The most beautiful is a healthy, happy, thriving community. I believe that the city is to be devoted to carrying out that ever be remembered to your credit that every note of laughter from a little

Brown School and the four schools that closed, Newburyport Daily News, May 1, 1924