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West End School
Schoolhouse Avenue
Westminster
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1870, 1910

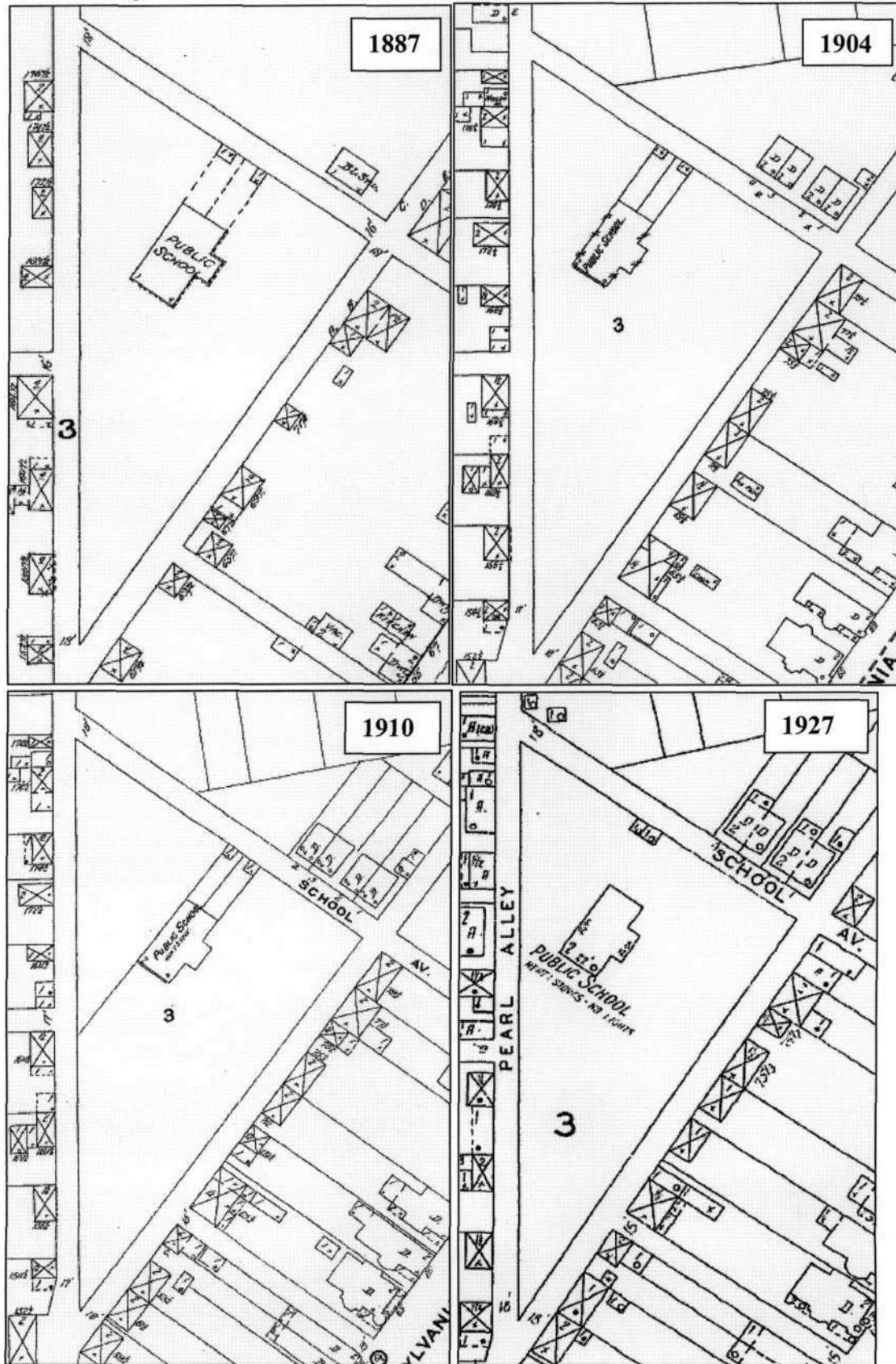
Built in the late 19th century to replace the old elementary school at 180 West Main Street (q.v.), the West End School is located in the center of the large triangular-shaped wedge of land formed by West Main Street, Union Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue. This siting was very advantageous, as it removed the school from any thoroughfare and allowed it to be surrounded by playing fields and open space.

The original school was a one-story five-bay by three-bay structure beneath a gable roof. Later, its size was doubled by the addition of a second story. It is interesting to observe that the original Romanesque arched brick corbelling on the gable ends was recreated by the brick masons who built the second story. This blind arcading follows the entire second-story cornice. The several decorative motifs of the original school represent the architectural warehouse of designs that late-Victorian architecture chose from freely for all manner of buildings. The corbel table, for example, was similarly employed by churches (e.g. the Methodist Protestant Church on East Main) by houses (e.g. 96 East Main Street) and even by garages (e.g. 116-118-120 East Main Street). As of 1978 the building was serving as headquarters for several community organizations, such as the Senior Citizens Center.

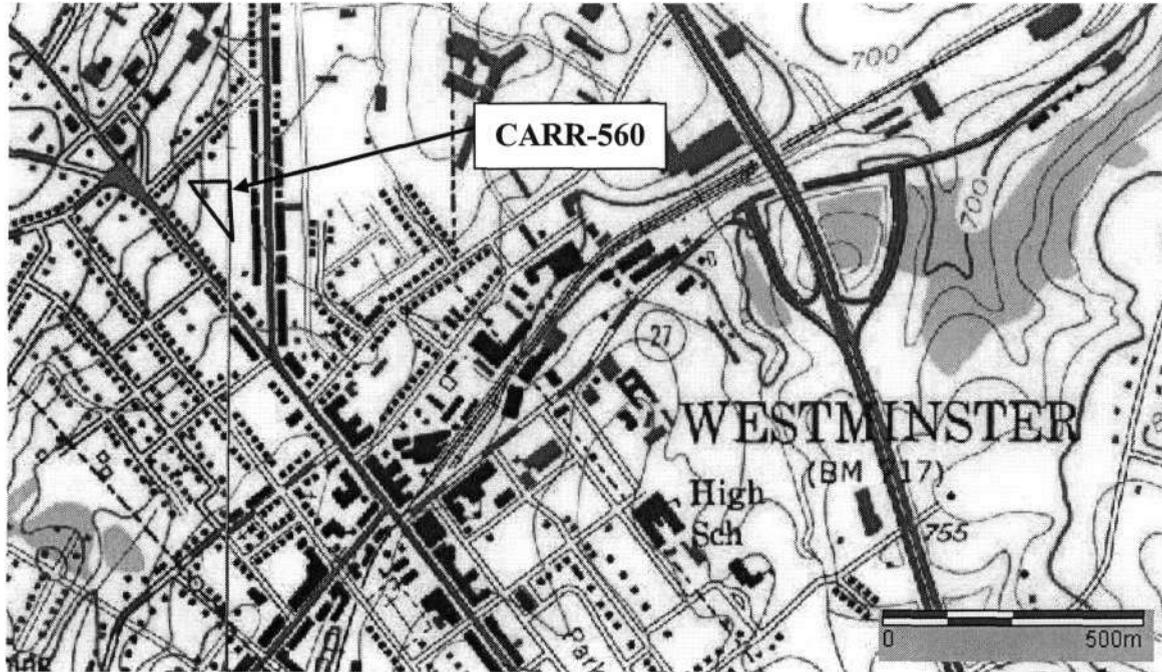
The building is five bays wide on its east façade. The central bay projects one bay forward, and contains the principal entrance. Currently this is a double

door, with six glazed panes per leaf, with a five-light transom and a Classical door surround. Originally, the door was surmounted by a simple two-light transom. Windows are 6/6 sash, and originally had louvered shutters. The windows on the sides of the projecting pavilion are narrower 4/4 sash windows on both floors. The building is three bays wide, and originally had two small windows in its attic gable, but after the second-story addition, a single small window pierces the roof in the new attic. Originally there were interior chimneys at either gable end. Today the building has had a large addition made to the west side of the building.

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