

525 WASHINGTON STREET (WELLESLEY TOWN HALL)



Year Built:

Eastern (Library) portion: 1881-82
Western (Town Hall) portion: 1883-85

“Sept. 28. [1879]. Commenced work on old Morton place for the purpose of making a public park and building a library and town hall for Wellesley.” – Life, Letters and Diary of Horatio Hollis Hunnewell (1906)

“Jan. 27 [1883]. Wellesley Free Library opened to the public this week.” – Life, Letters and Diary of Horatio Hollis Hunnewell (1906)

“Work on the new town hall commenced on Tuesday last.” – Wellesley Courant: August 31, 1883

“Wellesley’s New Town Hall – As will be noticed in the report, of the Town meeting on the evening of October 3d, the new Town Hall is completed, and the keys of the imposing and beautiful structure delivered to the Board of Selectmen” – Wellesley Courant: October 8, 1885

“Town-Hall and Library, Wellesley, Mass -- Shaw & Hunnewell, Architects, Boston, Mass
The library at the southeast end of the building was completed in 1882; the town-hall in 1885.” -- The American Architect and Building News: January 30, 1886 issue