

HINSDALE LIBRARY
Maple Street
Hinsdale
Berkshire County
Massachusetts

HABS NO. MA-1235

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts		COUNTY Berkshire	TOWN OR VICINITY Hinsdale
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Hinsdale Public Library			HABS NO. MA-1235
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Maple Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1866 (Historic maps)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Leonard Eidlitz	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A fund of \$5,000.00 had been left by Mrs. Mary P. Twinning towards the establishment of a library. It was added to by the Kittredge & Taylor families to total more than \$25,000. The Hinsdale Public Library Association was hence incorporated in 1866.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) English Gothic			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Foundation & First story walls of coursed ashlar granite; second or half story of brick with half timbering, slate roof in square, scalloped and diamond shapes.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular, 2 stories with ell to north			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE quoining, half-timbering, gothic barge boards, rounded arched doorway and windows with rounded pilasters, corbelled chimneys, decorative varied slate roof			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) vaulted ceiling with medieval trusses			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES none			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent; Library			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Massachusetts Historical Commission			DATE 10/10/87

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