Primary Schools (cont.)

Dean School
The Dean School was opened c.1861 on 30 Wall Street, and subsequently was known as the Wall Street School. Built on man-made land, the schoolhouse had serious sanitation issues due to the stench of sewage and an outbreak of typhoid. Despite the proposed closing the school wasn’t sold until 1891, going for $20,300. In 1904 the Beth Jacob Synagogue was built on the same spot.

Baldwin School
The Baldwin School was built in 1864. The six room schoolhouse of approximately 6,200 square feet was located at 3 Chardon Court, and initially only had five teachers. It was named after Reverend Thomas Baldwin, a Baptist clergyman and member of the primary school board. In 1908 the school committee was considering closing the school because it was “utterly unfit for occupancy, for sanitary and other reasons.” The school committee tried to urge Mayor Fitzgerald to build a new school in the West End in 1911. Instead the school remained open, educating both boys and girls in grades one through three. In 1916 the school was damaged by a fire and the building was abandoned by 1926.

Emerson School
The Emerson School was built in 1861 at 17 Poplar Street. The school was named after Frederick Emerson, a teacher and school committee member. The schoolhouse was three stories tall, had six school rooms and was 6,000 square feet. In 1911 it taught boys and girls from grades one through three. It changed its name the following year to the Elizabeth Peabody School. The Peabody School was closed in 1940 and the building was leased to the Navy Yard Post 297.