

Worcester. **MECHANICS HALL**, 321 Main St., 1855-1857, Elbridge Boyden, architect. Cast iron, mastic-covered brick and galvanized iron sections; 3 1/2 stories, rectangular, gabled and hipped roof sections with front pediment; front 4 bays articulated by 2-story cast iron piers faced with rusticated and vermiculated mastic, each containing ground-floor storefronts with 3 round arched windows above, wide front entrance with large round arched tracery window above; 3rd-story bays articulated by paired Corinthian columns, each with large round arched windows with balcony; denticulated modillion cornice; original decorative pentagonal black walnut 2nd-floor ticket kiosks; large 3rd-floor hall with gallery. Renaissance Revival. Excellent example of pre-Civil War hall; built for the Worcester Mechanics Association; provided library and music hall for membership and community use. *Private*.