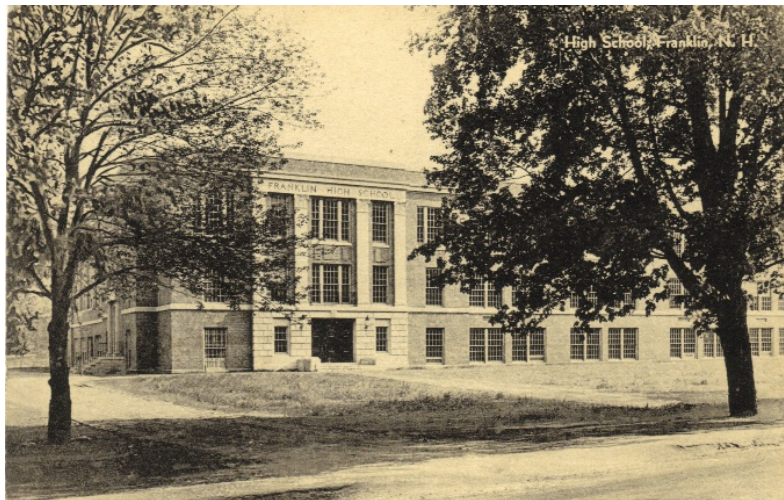


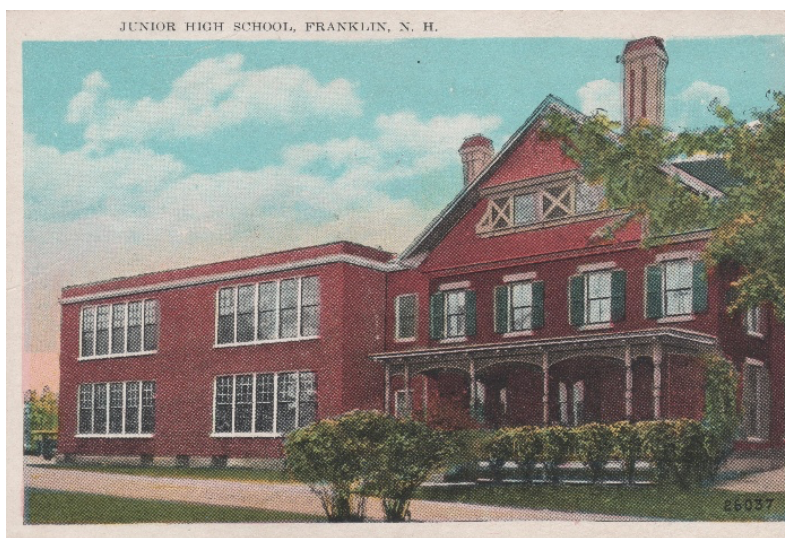
## First and Second Franklin High Schools - Junior High



*Callen, Fiske & Black, Franklin, N. H.*  
First Franklin High School, at School Street



High School, Franklin, N. H.  
Second Franklin High School, at 119 Central Street



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FRANKLIN, N. H.  
Daniell Junior High School

## **The High School**

Before 1864 there was no one place for a town united high school. In March of that year the town started talking about creating one. It took the school districts consolidating in 1874, creating a town system, to move forward.

In April 1876 the first High School in Franklin opened up. The first class of students graduated in 1878. The school was located where the Franklin Police Station and local Court building are today, on School Street. As time went on, improvements were made to make the school safer for its students and to keep up with the times. By almost mid-20th century, the city realized that it needed a new high school. In 1938 the decision was made to build a new high school and tear down the current one. The last class of 91 students to graduate from the old High School was in 1939.

On January 2, 1940, 300 sophomores, juniors and seniors made their exit and marched down Central Street to the new school. The last headmaster at the old High School and the first at the new High School was Gaius Barrett. Over the years, improvements were made and rooms added or altered. Major improvements and additions were made in 1962 and in subsequent years thereafter. In 2026, during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first high school, Franklin High School was recognized as the NH High School of the year. Congrats to all!

## **The Junior High School**

Over time, the old high school building aged and become very crowded. To solve the issue, they adopted the junior high system. At the same time, the late Warren F. Daniell left his estate to the city. They thought it was too expensive for the city and it was suggested that it be donated to the school district. On April 2, 1923 the Superintendent and school board asked the council to accept the mansion for use for the schools. Eugene S. Daniell appeared for the heirs and explained it was their desire to leave the property as a memorial to their parents. W.F. Daniell wanted the city to have the mansion because of his interest in the city where he had lived, worked and raised a family. At this time, Mr. Daniell expressed the wish that a boulder be marked properly to record the gift and placed in position at the site. It is still there today.

The mansion was remodeled to some extent and an eight-room addition built. It would not be ready for the fall term, and so the barn, being used as a gymnasium, was divided with beaver board, and classes began under the new system. On February 4, 1924 the Daniell Junior High School was opened to the public for a housewarming and inspection. The addition had eight rooms, four on each floor. Miss Rowell became principal and was to remain so for 29 years until her retirement in 1952. This junior high school housed grades 7,8 and 9 from both sides of the river. By 1939 and 1940 the Junior High had 304 students. In September 1948 the ninth grade was moved from the junior high to the high school, making four years of high school for students. In 1975 the seventh grade moved to St Mary's until the Franklin Middle School was built in 1989.