Graduates were listed in *The Hartford Courant*, and also in programs handed out at the graduation ceremonies. The two sources do not always agree on the spelling of names. We are using the programs as primary.

Listing of 1894 and 1895 graduates, from the archives of the Historical Society:
Graduates, 1896
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Martha Avery Albiston
2. Alexander Arnott
3. Grace Ethelind Burdick
4. Philip Cheney
5. Thomas Langdon Cheney
6. Alice Maud Gray
7. Grace Emma Hollister
8. Lena Bella Noyes
9. John William Raby
10. Irving Bloom Thomas
11. Florice Allison Watkins

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:


Ticket to 1896 graduation ceremony:
Graduates, 1897
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Mary A. Benton
2. Howard F. Bidwell
3. Everett E. Brainard
4. Minnie V. Fryer
5. Christine M. Hollister
6. Herbert B. House
7. Thomas H. Montgomery
8. Thomas Simons
9. Susie M. Skinner
10. Walter B. Spencer
11. Mary A. Taylor

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:
Graduates, 1898

South Manchester High school graduates, listed in

1. Katherine May Forbes
2. May Esther Foster
3. Ethel Florence Gray
4. Maurice Hartman
5. Gladys Hutchinson
6. William Stewart Hyde
7. Grace Martha Isleib
8. Minnie Joyce
9. Anna Eliza Minnikin
10. Lillian Agnes Rousseau
11. Mabel Ella Wolcott

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant,
March 28, 1898, page 11.
Graduates, 1899
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Edith Minerva Barber
2. Elizabeth Hanna Craig
3. Katherine Calhoun Craig
4. William Ferguson
5. Bertha Hoxel Gates
6. Robert Glenney
7. Emanuel Maurice Hartman
8. Anna May Ladd
9. Bertha Matilda Norton
10. Catherine May O’Gorman
11. John Leo O’Gorman
12. Charles Henry Rogers
13. Harry Adam Schielsde
14. Edward Milton Stanley
15. Rose Florence Strickland
16. William Bowles Strickland
17. Agnes Evangeline Toohey
18. Margaret Naomi Warren

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant, April 4, 1899, page 11
Graduates, 1900 Missing
South Manchester High school graduates

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

Class of Nineteen Hundred

HARRY LESLIE AGARD,
FRANCES MARIA BARRON,
FREDERICK BETHUNE BARTLETT,
GEORGE EDWIN FERRIS,
GRACE RUTH GRIMES,
HAROLD FOOTE HOUSE,
WILLIAM F. MADDEN,
ALBERT MCLACHLAN,
MOSES ROGERS,
HAZEL LORAINE WATKINS,
LURA CLARINDA WATKINS,
CLARENCE ELMORE WATKINS,
ELLEN S. WILKINSON.

Courant article not found.
Graduates, 1901

South Manchester High school graduates, listed in

1. Edward Barber
2. Josephine Bartholomew
3. Daisy Ferris
4. Mabel Ferris
5. Gustave Hartman
6. Noah Ingalls
7. Carrie Irons
8. Nellie Mae Jones
9. Sherwood Martin
10. Myrtle Nichols
11. Herbert Robertson
12. William Robertson

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

"Virtute et Prudentia."

CLASS OF 1901

Edward Johnson Barber
Josephine Mary Bartholomew
Daisy Marion Ferris
Mabel Harriet Ferris
Noah Charles Ingalls
Gustave Hartman

Carrie Emeline Irons
Nellie Mae Jones
Leslie Sherwood Martin
Myrtle Elizabeth Nichols
William Warner Robertson
Herbert Fremont Robertson
Graduates, 1902
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. James A. Aitkin
2. Ivy Belle Clark
3. Henrietta Dougan
4. James Patterson Fallows
5. Laberge Hunt Geer
6. John Raymond Hayes
7. Agnes Stoddard Hutchison
8. Paul Francis Keating
9. Oliver Holmes Latham
10. Eva Theresa Lind
11. Carrie Burdick Lull
12. Lenorah Mercer
13. Mary Francis Moriarty
14. Maude Margaret Perry
15. Lilian Margarite Wright

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant,
March 28, 1902, page 15

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Graduates, 1903
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Edward Martin Agard
2. Margaret Arnott
3. Harold Francis Bidwell
4. John Joseph Brennan
5. Robert Mason Cadman
6. Katherine Eliza Everett
7. Finis Grant
8. Margaret Olive Gray
9. Mabel Jane Loomis
10. Gertrude Anna Manning
11. Ellen Helene Mommers
12. Arthur Everett Rogers
13. Edmund Alexander Rogers
14. Isabella Houghton Saunders
15. Claudia Schmidt
16. George Alexander Trotter
17. Anna Elizabeth Wilkinson

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant
April 1, 1903, page 15.

The opening chorus was sung. Edward Martin Agard had the first essay of the evening entitled "America, the Patron of Liberty." The essay brought out the love of liberty in the heart of the American people. Harold Francis Bidwell read an interesting paper on "Explosives." In conclusion it was shown that the advances made in the discovery of explosives tend to advance civilization. An interesting prose declamation entitled "A Perilous Trial," a story of a boy's successful second trial in public speaking, was given by Miss Finis Grant.

A carefully prepared essay on "Prison Reform in Connecticut" was given by John Joseph Brennan. His essay told of the conditions that existed at Newgate prison at East Graville, and compared them with those at the state prison at Westfield. The advantages of church services, the use of the library and the school, and the saving of society were all told about. It was shown that crime was often committed because of ignorance and the disadvantages of the night school, which the inmates were compelled to attend, were due to the work of the grading system was explained, and it was shown how it had a good effect in improving the men. In conclusion the success obtained from the parole system was spoken of and the plan of the inculcating sentence was explained.

"Childhood Days in Old New England" were described in good language by Miss Gertrude Anna Manning. In conclusion a comparison of the children of those days and of the present was made by Miss Manning. Arthur Everett Rogers read "The Black House and His Rider," in a very credible manner. A carefully written essay on "Character" was given by Miss Margaret Olive Gray. The influence of the lives of great men, whose character made them famous, was shown, and it was shown that the character of a nation had much to do in its welfare. Mabel Jane Loomis read "An Untrue Tale" and Miss Claudia Schmidt read selections from "Mrs. Chick." George Alexander Trotter gave a vocal solo from "Tannhauser," "O, Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star."

Miss Ellen Helene Mommers had an essay on "Moral Value in Music." She demonstrated that the influence of the music learned by children in the school entered into the homes and showed that as music cultivated sympathy it had a moral value. "European Guilds," selections from "Mark Twain's works," were given by Robert Mason Cadman and a selection of negro dialect were given by Miss Anna Elizabeth Wilkinson, entitled "De Apple Tree." The development of architecture in England was shown by Miss Isabella Houghton Saunders in an essay on "Greek Architecture in England."

Edmund Alexander Rogers gave an unusually interesting essay on "Abraham Lincoln." Miss Margaret Arnott read "The Golden Scimitar," and a solo, "The Chariot of the Forge," was given by Mr. Agard, the chorus by the school.
Graduates, 1904
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Emery Sherwood Benton
2. Laura Woodbridge Bidwell
3. Percy Wells Bidwell
4. Catherine Jane Doyle
5. David Ferguson
6. Ethel Maria Fish
7. Irma Heiliger
8. Jessie Elizabeth Henderson
9. Gertrude Christine Johnson
10. Helene Kathryn Keating
11. Herman Clarke Little
12. Nellie May Lull
13. Frederick Richard Manning
14. Agnes Bernadetta Moriarty
15. Charles Ernest Paxson
16. John Frederick Pickles
17. Grace Robertson
18. Arnold Schmidt
19. Ethel Bailey Woodbridge

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant
Graduates, 1905
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Frank Howard Anderson
2. Florence May Burdick
3. Charles Hollister Davis
4. Herbert Benton Elmer
5. Irvin Correll Elmer
6. John Francis Foley
7. Martha Myrtle Fryer
8. James Francis Gorman
9. Donald Johnson Grant
10. Lottie Christine Mills
11. Ewald Olsson
12. Lily Annetta Pierce
13. Christine Frederikke Sonnikson
14. Mabel Louise Stanley
15. Gertrude Winifred Toohey
16. Joseph Wright

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant,
April 7, 1905, page 15
Graduates, 1906
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Alice Mary Barrett
2. Laurence Luther Barbour
3. Adelaide Narcissa Brainard
4. Gertrude Denton Cadman
5. William James Crockett
6. Juliette Layotte Dutton
7. Jeanette Ela
8. Knight Harrison Ferris
9. Lewis Fish
10. Martin Joseph Hayes
11. Sadie May Hopkinson
12. Hugh Maurice Moriarity
13. Ethel Priscilla Ruddell
14. Marion Esther Saunders
15. Marion Sharp
16. Edna Mary Skinner
17. Ethel Daisy Skinner
18. Florine Cornelia Vibberts

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant,
April 6, 1906, page 15
Graduates, 1907
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Arthur Julius Anderson
2. Mildred Helen Barlow
3. Dorothea Clark
4. Helen Marion Dewey
5. Mabel J. Dougan
6. Martha Duke
7. G. Thea Hutchison
8. Florence Beatrice Johnson
9. Robert Henry Johnson
10. Joseph Prescott Little
11. Catherine A. Gertrude Moriarty
12. John Francis Newman
13. Thomas James Quish
14. Louise Schmidt
15. J. Francis Smythe
16. Ethel Maud Walsh
17. Carolyn Blanche Wilkinson
18. Vera Irene Willis
19. Alice Catherine White
20. Wilhelmina Maria Yurgens

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

Graduating Class of Twenty Pupils.

Program for Exercises at Manchester.

High School Meet Today - School Children Being Operated On.

Class of 1907

Qui Fatus Vincit

Arthur Julius Anderson
Mildred Helen Barlow
Dorothea Clark
Helen Marion Dewey
Mabel J. Dougan

Martha Duke
G. Thea Hutchison
Florence Beatrice Johnson
Robert Henry Johnson
Joseph Prescott Little

Catherine A. Gertrude Moriarty
John Francis Newman
Thomas James Quish
Louise Schmidt

J. Francis Smythe

Ethel Maud Walsh
Carolyn Blanche Wilkinson
Vera Irene Willis
Alice Catherine White
Wilhelmina Maria Yurgens

The Hartford Courant,
March 30, 1907, page 16
Graduates, 1908
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Mildred Anderson
2. Harriet Blackman
3. William Buckley
4. Zella Bunce
5. Grace Cadman
6. Mary Crockett
7. Ethel Duke
8. Lulu Edgar
9. Lucy Ela
10. Agnes Finnegan
11. Ethel Gardner
12. Ethel Goslee
13. Raymond Goslee
14. Garda Johnson
15. Joseph McEevitt
16. William McGuire
17. Jennie Rogers
18. Harold Skinner
19. Daisy Thompson
20. Annie Veitch
21. Marjorie Watkins

Copy of printed program from the Society’s archives:

The Hartford Courant
April 2, 1908, page 16.

The graduating exercises of the South Manchester High School class of ’08 were held in High School Hall last evening, and, as usual, there was a large attendance. The class this year consisted of twenty-one members, five of whom were boys. The exercises began at 7 o’clock with the song, “The Lord is Great,” by the school chorus. The members of the class, also the graduating class occupied seats on the northwest side of the hall, the graduating class being assigned to the front row of seats. The first speaker was William Edward Buckley, who had an essay on “Our Forest Problems.” “Picturesque Japan” was the subject of an essay by Miss Marjorie Wentworth Watkins, who in a pleasing and well written paper told of the beauties of Japan, its flowers, hills and valleys, the rivers and lakes and the many beautiful sights to be seen in that country. The school chorus then rendered Handel’s “Nocturne” and Kieruin’s “Last Night.” Joseph Leo McEvitt’s essay was on “The Spirit of New Japan.” It was a well prepared paper and held the keen attention of the audience. His advanced several reasons why Japan was just now taking such a prominent place in the world. Miss Agnes May Finnegan had an essay on “The Jews in America,” which was well rendered and gave a description of the progress in the business and money walks of life made by the Jews in America. The school chorus sang Watson’s “Armed,” after which William Bernard McGuire’s essay, “Manual Training,” was given. He said manual training served as an educator and developed parts of the brain which the ordinary course of study would not affect. Miss Harriet Ruth Blackman’s sketch, Joan of Arc, carried her listeners through the trying times in which the Maid of Orleans made history. A piano solo by William Bernard McGuire, a vocal solo by Miss Harriet Ruth Blackman and a piano solo by Garda Ethel Johnson brought the exercises to the conclusion, which was delivered by Miss Lucy Ela. The four years in school, Miss Ela said to her classmates, had been pleasure. There had been kind hands to lay out their work and to guide them safely through. The change had arrived and they were in the future to miss these guiding hands. Diplomas were then presented to the class which was composed of Mildred Anderson, Harriet Blackman, William Buckley, Zella Bunce, Grace Cadman, Mary Crockett, Ethel Duke, Lulu Edgar, Lucy Ela, Agnes Finnegan, Ethel Gardner, Ethel Goslee, Raymond Goslee, Garda Johnson, Joseph McEevitt, William McGuire, Jennie Rogers, Harold Skinner, Daisy Thompson, Annie Veitch and Marjorie Watkins.
Graduates, 1909, missing
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Ralph Chalmers Brown
2. Preston Corwith Burger
3. Rena Emma Bunce
4. Margaret Potter Campbell
5. Thomas Knox Clarke
6. Jeannette Maria Collins
7. William Francis Davis Jr.
8. Sara Ethel Dewey
9. Helen Margaret Gould
10. Veronica Agnes Gorman
11. Frances Maude Gardiner
13. Caroline Emily Hyde
14. Alice Beatrice Lang
15. Adele Cumming Morgan
16. Mabel Moore Maguire
17. Martha Manning
18. Bessie Manning
19. John Wilson Martin
20. Rose Botilda Nelson
21. Edward Patrick Quish
22. Bessie Mabel Snow
23. Branford Jenckes Spencer
24. Charlotte Louise Veitch

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Manchester.

Graduating Exercises at the High School Tuesday.
The graduating time for the pupils of the South Manchester High School, unlike most schools in the state, comes in April instead of June and the sixteenth annual graduating exercises of the school will be held in High School Hall this evening. The class to graduate this year is composed of twenty-four members, of which sixteen are girls. William F. Davis, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. William F. Davis of the South Methodist Church, will be the valedictorian. An unusual seating capacity of the hall will be taken up by admission being by invitation. The entire school will take part in the exercises, but only part of the class will take a direct part in the program.

The shortage of ice in town and the prospects of a high rate for the same this summer has made it necessary, it is alleged, for the local and water dispensers to raise the price of ice cream soda from 5 cents to 10 cents, the new price to go into effect today. The price which is to be assured this summer was in effect last year at the North End, but the South End dealers kept the price down to 5 cents.

The first public dance to be given by the Italian residents of Manchester will be held in Chestnut Hall on Easter Monday evening. It will be given under the auspices of the Christopher Columbus Society, a new society in town composed of Italians with a membership of about fifty.

April's Opera House was filled last night, it being the occasion of the graduating of the class of '03 of the Union Grammar School.

The list of graduates is as follows: Ralph Chalmers Brown, Preston Corwith Burger, Rena Emma Bunce, Margaret Potter Campbell, Jeannette Maria Collins, Thomas Knox Clarke, William Francis Davis, Sara Ethel Dewey, Helen Margaret Gould, Veronica Agnes Gorman, Frances Maude Gardiner, Emil L.G. Hohenthal, Jr., Caroline Emily Hyde, Alice Beatrice Lang, Adele Cumming Morgan, Mabel Moore Maguire, Martha Manning, Bessie Manning, John Wilson Martin, Rose Botilda Nelson, Edward Patrick Quish, Bessie Mabel Snow, Branford Jenckes Spencer, Charlotte Louise Veitch.
Graduates, 1909 Union Grammar School

Probably 8th grade graduates, listed in The Hartford Courant, March 31, 1909, page 11.

These are the grammar school graduates

1. Irene Mildred Barrows
2. Thomas Brannan
3. Daisy Lillian Brink
4. Marion Brown
5. Daisy Pearl Chadwick
6. Ethel May Crockett
7. Eric Emmet Curtis
8. Lucy Elizabeth Donaghy
9. Frances Mary Ferrell
10. Rosalie Emily Fritz
11. Clarence Everett Hall
12. Howard Robert Hastings
13. George Johnson
14. Gertrude Lillian McGonigal
15. Edith Gertrude McNally
16. Gertrude Alice McVeigh
17. James Joseph Murphy
18. Morris Francis Murphy
19. Mary Veronica O’Connor
20. Clarence Ambrose Palmer
21. Ernest Richard Peterson
22. Edna Louise Pinkham
23. Loretta May Sullivan
24. Thomas Frederick Sullivan
25. Annie Henrietta Tack
26. Marcus Buell Taylor
27. Max Freeman Taylor
28. Warren Risley Thompson
29. Barron Walter Tracey
30. Claud Henry Treat
31. Mary Millicent Welch
32. Ruth Lillian Wetherell
33. Emma Helen Wisotski
34. William McConnell Wilson
1. Allen Ira Balch
2. Edward Frederick Ballsieper
3. John Francis Barry
4. Harold Ward Bidwell
5. Ethel Ward Bidwell
6. Ernest Freeman Brown
7. Philip Henry Carney
8. Helen Carrier
9. Olive Chapman
10. Hilma Elsie Cushman
11. Stephen Francis Dunn
12. Marion Janette Hall
13. Margaret Chapin Hayes
14. Hazel May Hunter
15. Frances Ellen Maloney
16. Felix Jeremiah McEvitt
17. Patrick Joseph McGuire
18. Walter Raymond Olson
19. Evelyn Louise Thompson
20. Jennie Cornelia Tryon
21. Van Noyes Verplanck
22. Edith Anna Waddell
23. Jennie Bertelino Wind

Graduates, 1910
South Manchester High School graduates.

The Hartford Courant
April 8, 1910, page 15.
Graduates, 1911

South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Earl Ballsieper
2. Max Bengs
3. Emma Borowski
4. Hattie Buckland
5. Ellen Buckley
6. Madeleine Burger, valedictorian
7. Irene Campbell
8. Gertrude Carrier
9. Thomas Chambers
10. Robert Cowles
11. Annie B. Dougan
12. Gertrude Duke
13. Raymond Dunn
14. Helen Ferguson
15. Charles Fish
16. Edward Foley
17. Helen Foote
18. Orlando Gilman
19. Hazel Gould
20. William Heffron
21. Katherine Hurley
22. Jarl Johnson
23. Clara Juul
24. Raymond Mathers
25. Colin Miller
26. Edgar Morgan
27. Alice Nyquist
28. Celia O’Gorman
29. Ruth Porter
30. Iona Taylor
31. Hazel Trotter
32. Ethel Ward
33. Paul Ward
34. Marion Richmond
35. Leslie Rose

The Hartford Courant
April 3, 1911, page 15.
Graduates, 1912
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Carl O. Anderson
2. Eleanor F. Bennison
3. Edna C. Burke
4. Charlotte A. Burr
5. Mary G. Carter
6. Amy B. Collins
7. Ruth A. Collins
8. Ruth Chapman
9. John H. Crockett
10. Phyllis G. Doane
11. George L. Dwyer
12. Russell H. Dyres
13. James W. Farr
14. John L. Gleason
15. Irene M. Gotborg
16. Agnes L. Heebner
17. Mary H. Healey
18. Benjamin H. Johnston
20. Clarence R. Martin
21. Alice M. Moynihan
22. Joseph T. Madden
23. Julia C. McVeigh
24. Beatrice R. Packard
25. Gladys C. Risley
26. Mary M. Smith
27. Harold R. Symington
28. Katherine E. Sweeney
29. Walter L. Tanner
30. Lottie G. Treat
31. Mildred Treat
32. Ruth M Tracy
33. Ruth F. Waddell
34. Berteline Wind
35. David L. Woodhouse

The Hartford Courant
April 4, 1912, page 18.

The nineteenth annual graduating exercises of the South Manchester High School were held last evening and were attended by about 1,000, the large hall being filled. The exercises opened with the singing of "Sailing" by the school chorus and was followed by Mr. Oscar Anderson's essay on Mark Twain, "The Immigrant Question" was the subject of Miss Irene Marie Gotborg's essay, which was well handled and contained many statistics. Selections by the Girls' Glee Club was followed by Miss Alice Maude Moynihan's essay on "Music, as an Expression of Emotion." Miss Ruth Frances Waddell's essay "Child Labor," was listened to with much interest and was well presented. The school chorus gave Stephen Adam's "When the Roses Bloom Again," after which Russell Hayden Dynes and Miss Beatrice Ruth Packard were heard, the former having for his subject "The Settlement Movement," and the latter "The Grand Army of the Republic." A piano solo by Miss Alice Maude Moynihan was followed by the valedictory given by Miss Gladys Carpenter Risley. The diplomas were presented by Howell Cheney, chairman of the Ninth School District board, and the exercises closed with the singing of "Damascus Triumphal March" from "Nanman" by the school chorus.

The following received diplomas:
Graduates, 1913
South Manchester High school graduates.

1. Dorothy White Barlow
2. Mildred Bradford Barlow
3. Marion Brown
4. Florence Adelaide Benson
5. Margaret Carller Cadman
6. Olive Rachel Cushman
7. Elizabeth Mary Courtney
8. Marjorie Rose Dunn
9. Florence Hazel Dunn
10. Beatrice Anna Egan
11. Florence Louise Elliott
12. Mary Agnes Edgar
13. Frances Mary Farrell
14. Thomas Sumner Finnegian
15. Walter Patrick Gorman
16. Dorothy Hemmingway
17. Esther Horowitz
18. George W. Johnston
19. Selma Nathalie Johnson
20. Ethan Johnson
21. Annie Phinney Pern
22. Warren Irving Keith
23. Paul George Lambert
24. Bernice Charlotte Lydall
25. Clara Beutfield Mann
26. Annie Louise McCarthy
27. Beulah Manning
28. Robert David McCann
29. James Joseph Murphy
30. Mary Veronica O'Connell
31. Robert D. Patterson
32. Cleilun K. Priest
33. Clarence Ambrose Palmer
34. Ada Mary Porter
35. Helen Isabel Richmond
36. Pearl Bell Robb
37. Erna Rau
38. Ruth Augusta Staye
39. Florence Gertrude Skinner
40. Wesley Richard Shields
41. Byron Walter Tracy
42. Esther Victoria Thurston
43. Harold William Walsh
44. Ruth Warner
45. Mary Millicent Welch