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Miss Elisabeth Bennet’s oak bench

This oak bench dates from 1915. For many years it sat outside the office of Principal Elisabeth Bennet. The bench was made in 1915 by the Heywood Wakefield Co. of Boston and was among the school furniture that was supplied for the Barnard School Building, Downtown Main Street, that was built in 1915 as part of Educational Square. The bench was refinished in the 1980s by Bennet Junior High School students under the direction of wood shop director David Nordling. Gift of Anne-Louise Gracyalny.

Webmaster’s note: the school is now named Bennet Academy, after Miss Bennet. Manchester sixth graders attend this school complex, which was at one time Barnard Junior High School. After current renovations to the former Cheney Technical School building, the Town’s fifth graders will also go to this school complex. Susan Barlow, March 2017.