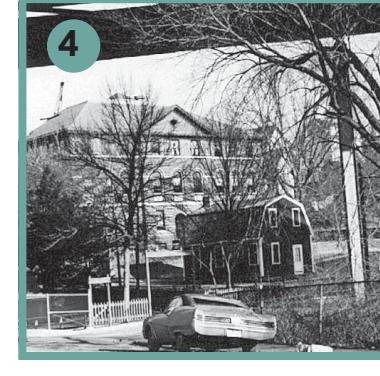
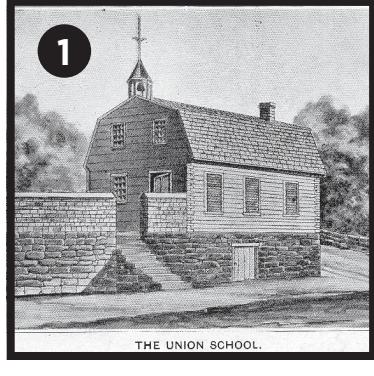


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Nathan Hale was hired in 1774 to teach in New London at the newly built Union School on State Street, where the Crocker House stands today. Hale would resign a year later to join the Revolution; he was soon hanged as a spy by the British. As Hale's stature grew, efforts were made to preserve the schoolhouse. Finding a permanent home became a monumental challenge. We used a 1911 bird's-eye view map, published by New York City-based Hughes & Bailey, to show the building's 2.6-mile journey through city streets over the years.



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