

Longyear Museum

The Historic Homes of Mary Baker Eddy

Lynn, MA and Chestnut Hill, MA

The Buildings:

Lynn, MA

In 1875 Mrs. Eddy (at that time known as Mary B. Glover) purchased the house in Lynn, MA as she was finishing her manuscript for *Science and Health*. In the parlor of this house she married Asa Gilbert Eddy and became Mary Baker Eddy. It is here where she wrote *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and founded her Church of Christ (Scientist) becoming its Pastor. The Eddys left the house in 1882 to teach in Boston.



Chestnut Hill, MA

After living in Pleasant View for over fifteen years, Mrs. Eddy moved with her household staff to 400 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill, MA in 1908. It is here where she directed the officers of her Church to start publishing a daily newspaper, *The Christian Science Monitor*. This was her final home passing away on December 3, 1910.



Nature of Firm's Responsibilities:

Landmark Facilities Group, Inc. was commissioned to assess the existing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems in both buildings and provide recommendations for improvement that would be consistent with the use of the buildings as historic house museums.

In Lynn, LFG then designed MEP systems for a modern 2-story glass addition that is used as the visitor's entry point into the historic house museum. The addition also contains an elevator to provide access to the second floor for people with disabilities. Technical support during construction was provided with shop drawing reviews and field visits to ensure the installation was in conformance with the design specifications.

In Chestnut Hill, LFG designed MEP systems for the entire building and adjacent Carriage House and Gate House. Close coordination with the architect and owner was required throughout design to minimize disruption to the historic fabric. Design included VRF cooling systems and reconfiguration of the existing steam heating system. A new electric service and backup generator was designed. Technical support during construction will be provided.