

Property History

John Winthrop House, located on the banks of the Charles River, is one of twelve undergraduate residential Houses at Harvard University. The House derives its name from two notable men named John Winthrop who shared both name and lineage. Winthrop House consists of two historical buildings, Standish Hall and Gore Hall, both large four-story U-shaped structures connected by the Yellowwood Courtyard. Both Standish and Gore Hall were originally built in 1912 and share many architectural Neo-Georgian attributes.

Project Description

Grand Light restored forty-nine original luminaries ranging from large chandeliers, exterior lanterns and post lights. These fixtures underwent several different restoration techniques ranging from cleaning and conservation of the existing finishes, to complete refinishing.

Of the historic luminaires requiring restoration, four chandeliers were manufactured by the renowned Edward F. Caldwell & Company of New York City, the premier designer and manufacturer of electric light fixtures and decorative metalwork from the late 19th to the mid-20th centuries. Caldwell lighting fixtures, ornamental bronzes, and ironworks include an impressive range of historical and modern styles that were produced in the company's sixty-four year history. One consistent factor throughout all of Caldwell's lighting fixtures and metalwork was unparalleled craftsmanship demonstrated through decorative details and beautiful finishes.

All fixtures were rewired with UL listed components and HIPOT tested in accordance with UL standard 1598. All exposed conductors were enclosed in fiberglass braided sleeving and were color matched to the fixture finish, in addition where deemed necessary safety cables were added, both of which are standard Grand Light procedures.

In addition to the historic lighting fixture restoration, the project required a total of eleven custom lanterns to be manufactured based off the design of existing historic exterior wall lanterns.

Client

Harvard University

Client Project Managers

Michael Smart, Lynnwell Associates Inc.

Date Awarded

2016

Completion Date

2017

Project Webpages

<https://grandlight.com/portfolio/harvard-university-winthrop-house-gore/>
<https://grandlight.com/portfolio/harvard-university-winthrop-house-standish/>

Awards

Cambridge Historical Commission Preservation Award 2018

