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**About the Tour**

This self-guided walking tour highlights aspects of Suffolk University’s rich and enduring history and can be completed at a leisurely pace in about one hour. This tour was developed as a joint venture of Archer Fellows Seminar students, the Moakley Archive, and the Office of Public Affairs.

1. **Rosalie K. Stahl Center, 73 Tremont Street**
   - Built in 1895 on the site of the Tremont House Hotel, the Stahl Center houses administrative offices, academic departments, a media studio, the Welcome Center, and the Mildred F. Sawyer Library. In the early 1900s members of the Law School’s first graduating class opened law offices in this building.
   - Across the street is Tremont Temple, the famous abolitionist church that served as the site of Suffolk Law School from 1909 through 1914 and later as the venue for many University ceremonies. From the Welcome Center, turn left and walk toward Beacon Street. Turn left on Beacon Street and right onto Somerset Street.

2. **Nathan R. Miller Hall, 10 Somerset Street**
   - Suffolk University’s second residence hall opened in 2003. It stands on the site of the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, created in 1927 by Suffolk Law School alumnus Harry E. Burroughs to provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities to boys working in the trades. The building is named for Nathan Miller, a former newsboy and University benefactor who went on to a successful career in real estate.

3. **Frank Sawyer Building, 8 Ashburton Place**
   - Suffolk University’s largest academic building, which opened in 1981 on the former site of the Boston City Club, is home to the Sawyer Business School. The school and building are named in honor of Frank Sawyer, a self-made businessman and University benefactor. Cross through the park at the “Golden Dome” on the original Charles Bulfinch-designed building on your left. Bear right and walk down the granite stairs to Derne Street.