

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

roll no 80000487

In Area no.	Form no. 166-A
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Worcester
 Address 526-534 Cambridge Street
 Name Cambridge Street Firehouse
 Present use fire station
 Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:
 Date 1886
 Source City Documents

Roll 23

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

Style Queen Anne
 Architect Fuller & Delano
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features sandstone trim, tri-
partite arched windows with carved
capitals set in gable, tower at
rear
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

UTM
19/268200/4680470

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 7, p.37
Lot 6 6,182 sq.ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 50'
 Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date February 1978

(over)

UTM

City of Worcester

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ firehouse _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____ same _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Cambridge Street Firehouse is a two-storey brick building with a three-storey tower at its southeast corner and a one-storey wing at its northeast corner. The main body of the building is rectangular in plan with a slate-covered hip roof. The facade (north) rises from a base of rock-faced granite laid in a broken course and contains a rectangular opening framing the two pairs of doors which provide entrance for the engines; above these doors is a tripartite window with arched transoms. Centered at the facade's roof line is a decorative gable with sandstone coping and finials. Side walls of the building are largely undecorated, except for the rear tower which rises to paired arched windows, a projecting brick cornice, paired arched openings with vents and a high hip roof. With the exception of some modern re-painting, the Cambridge Street Firehouse is unaltered.

Nearly identical to the Woodland Street Firehouse (Form #141-LL) which was also designed by Fuller and Delano in 1886, the Cambridge Street Firehouse was built to serve South Worcester, an area which experienced rapid industrial and residential growth during the 1880s and 1890s, much of which was brought about by the expansion of the Whittall Carpet Mills (Form #177-D-1).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

City Document #41, year ending 11/30/1886, Auditor's Report, pp. 56-57.

Sanitary Engineer, vol. XIII, 5/27/1886, p. 624 (building notice)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers).

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. DOUBLE

ARCHEOLOGIST

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bldg need to be discussed with State.

OTHER

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. PBDS were not necessary because

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MacDonald
2/28/80

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of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Heritage was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 10 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~was~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend Listing all ^{now} properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + State.} DOUBLE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding file from state)

S. Oelha
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.5.81 Re-submit _____ SEE 3/13/80 REPORT




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JAN 1978

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Cambridge St.  Firehouse

166-A

Worcester MA, MA

526-534

Cambridge St

East & north
elevations

AUG 1978

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304