

FORM B - BUILDING

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

*ref no 90000492*

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| In Area no. | Form no. |
|             | 164-H    |

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Roll 15

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

1. Town Worcester  
Address 12 Freeland Street  
Name Freeland Street Schoolhouse  
Present use school

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1885  
date placque and building  
Source notice

Style Victorian

Architect Barker & Nourse

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features sandstone trim, some  
decorative brick panels, terracotta  
tiles

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

*UTM*  
*19/266870/4680850*

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 7, p.13  
Lot 1 29,025 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 110'

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Cit. of Worcester  
 Original use schoolhouse  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

|                       |                                     |                            |                          |                         |                          |
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| Aboriginal            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Education                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/<br>settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/<br>invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Industry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/<br>humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Military                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Political                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |                          |
| Community development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                            |                          |                         |                          |

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

The Freeland Street Schoolhouse is a two-and-one-half storey brick building of basically rectangular plan. Projecting from positions slightly off-center on the building's **south** and **north** elevations are pavilions which rise to pedimented gables and which contain the school's entries and stairways. The building's major (**north**) elevation is asymmetrical with grouped windows providing light to classrooms at both stories east and west of the entry pavilion. Major decorative elements of the building's design are its sandstone water table and window trim, courses of decorative brickwork and panels of terracotta tiles. The building is enclosed by a hip roof with hip-roofed dormers.

Built during a period of rapid population growth, the Freeland Street Schoolhouse is one of several grammar schools constructed in the vicinity of Main Street south during the 1880s and 1890s., the area's major period of development. The building was designed by the local firm of Barker and Nourse and constructed by Jeremiah Murphy at a cost of \$11,444.

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

City Document #40, year ending 11/30/1885, Auditor's Report, p. 72.  
Sanitary Engineer, vol. XII, 7/2/1885, p.100.  
 vol. XII, 7/23/1885, p.157.  
 (building notices)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 383 + 13  
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & 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).  
Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

**HISTORIAN**  
Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10-30-79

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. **DUBIE**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**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 bldgs need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ **BOTH** TECHNICAL 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. VBDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

**OTHER**  
ACCEPT  
MURPHY  
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. RESERVE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

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

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Recommend listing all <sup>now</sup> properties except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + state. **DUBIE**  
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 & claim from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (listing from state)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered **MAR 5 1980**  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_ **DUBIE**



164-H 30 AUG 1978  
Freeland Street Schoolhouse  
12 Freeland St  
Worcester MA, MA  
north & west  
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304