

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

105-C

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

Roll 20

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 327 Plantation Street
Name Bloomington Schoolhouse
Present use School

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1896, 1916
Source date plaque & city document
Style vaguely Romanesque Revival
Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features two towers flanking
entry, sandstone trim, slate roof

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size Assessors' Book 17, p. 7
Lot 2---39,574 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 180'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

Original use Grammar School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Built in 1896, the front section of the Bloomingdale Schoolhouse is a two add one-half storey brick structure with a slate-covered hip roof. The facade of the building (east) is symmetrical with a center-entry set between two semi-octagonal bays. Giving the appearance of small towers these bays have recessed wall panels with arched windows (second storey), modillioned cornices and octagonally-hipped roofs with copper finials. Set between the bays is an entry arch with a keystone inscribed "1896". In 1916, the original four rooms of the schoolhouse were expanded by an addition (west) of four more classrooms which had been part of the original 1896 plan. The addition was built of red brick and sandstone, two stories high with a flat roof. Although plans and elevations of the building were published in school committee reports, no architect was named. While it is likely that the building was designed by a local firm, no other school buildings are sufficiently similar to the Bloomingdale Schoolhouse to allow an attribution.

In 1928, a second schoolhouse was built at the rear of the lot. This second building, built of buff-colored tapestry brick, two stories high, and Colonial Revival in style, is unrelated to the architectural significance of the original Bloomingdale Schoolhouse (189601916).

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

City Documents: #51, year ending 11/30/1896, p. 76 (accounting of expenses) & opposite p. 292 (photo and plan of school house).

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

CONTROL

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-dickers). Historian
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

Concern 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. Architectural Historian
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 bps need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~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
M. D. D. D.
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ALTHOUGH WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Review _____

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{AM} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~AS~~ ^{BASED}

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NE staff + State. DOUBLE
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State
3/5/80
DOUBLE

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 & demolition State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (fully from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



30 AUG 1979

Blooming date Schoolhouse

105-C

Worcester, MA

327 Plantation

St.

East + north elev.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304