

FORM B - BUILDING

ref no 8000511

In Area no.	Form no.
	33-A

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

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

Roll 18

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 470 West Boylston St.
Name Greendale Branch Library
Present use library

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:
Date 1913
Source cornerstone

Style elements of Spanish Mission
Lucius Briggs of Frost,
Architect Briggs & Chamberlain

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features limestone trim, entry
with neo-Renaissance frame, tile
roof

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

UTM: 5. Lot size Assessor's Book 12, p. 10
19/269240/4687480 Lot 11--25, 207 sq. ft.
One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 160'

Approximate distance of building from street
35'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester
 Original use branch library
 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)

Designed by Lucius Briggs while he was a member of the firm of Frost, Briggs and Chamberlain, the Greendale Branch Library is a one-storey brick structure set on a high basement and enclosed by a tile roof. Bearing elements of Spanish Mission style architecture, the building's symmetrical facade is dominated by a projecting central pavilion. Centered on the pavilion is a carved stone doorway framed by Corinthian pilasters surmounted by consoles and a semi-circular pediment. Elsewhere the building is decorated by geometric brickwork and limestone trimmings. A plaque on the exterior records the donors of the site as "the Manufacturers of Greendale," including the Allen-Higgins Wall Paper Company, Norton Company, Osgood Bradley Car Company, Norton Grinding Company, the Heald Machine Company, O.S. Walker Company, Morgan Spring Company, Young Brothers, and Worcester Pressed Steel Company.

In 1859 the city of Worcester opened its first public library; the bulk of books in the original collection came from three sources, the former Worcester Lyceum, the Young Men's Library Association, and a gift of 7,000 volumes from Dr. John Green. Although a main library was established on Elm Street, no branch libraries existed in outlying areas of the city prior to 1914. In 1895 a delivery point was established in Greendale at a store where books were delivered once a week. By 1898 this system had proven itself successful and seven new delivery points were established. In 1908 a movement was begun to establish branch libraries. Around 1912 the city was given \$75,000 by Andrew Carnegie to allow the construction of three branch libraries, of which the Greendale Branch was one. (The other two were built at 812 Millbury Street and 705 Southbridge Street.) Cornerstones for the three buildings were laid on March 17, 1913.

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

Worcester Historical Society. Biography file (Lucius Briggs, 1930 article describing Briggs's designs)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, pp. 779-781 (photo).

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. **DOBIE**

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 1 bays 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} 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. VBDS were not necessary because

OTHER
ACCEPT
MacDonald
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Pledge 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 - 10 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

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

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + state. DOBIE} 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 & clean from 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 _____



PUBLIC LIBRARY
GREENHALL BRANCH

33-A

Greendale Branch Library

470 W. Boylston

St.

Worcester MA, Ma

West elevation

80 AUG 1979

MAR 5 1980

MAR

JAN 1978

Prestige Prints

by Berkeley

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304