

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Stoneham Roll 19:5A
 Address Central ^{and} Emerson Streets.
 Historic Name Stoneham Firestation
 Original Owner: Town of Stoneham
 Present Owner: Town of Stoneham

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

Use: Present fire station
 Original fire station

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1916

Source Town history

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) first floor sash, ca. 1970

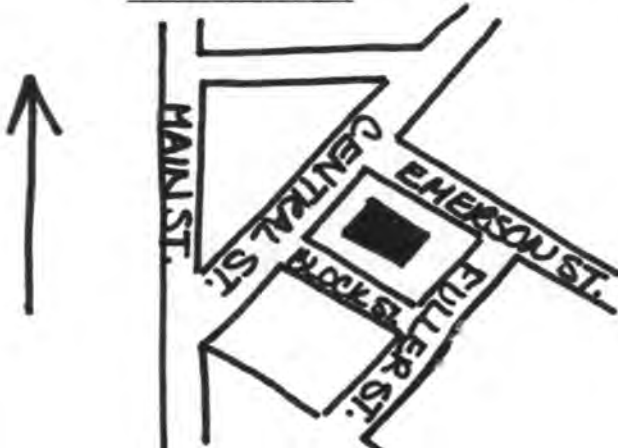
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Approx. acreage 17,944 sq. ft.

Setting adjacent to Central Square
business district

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Candace Jenkins with Carole Zellie
 Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979
 Assessor's Map #13-525

UTM: Boston North Quad
19/327400/4704940

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Stoneham Firestation is a major focal point of the town center and the town's outstanding example of Renaissance Revival public architecture. Constructed ca. 1916, the firestation is a two-story, L-plan flat roofed structure with a four-story hip roofed hose drying tower set into the angle of the L. The building is built of red brick with contrasting cast stone trim including keystones, window sills, door hoods supported on console brackets, and denticulated cornices on both the main block of the building and its tower. The tower is the major focus of the design: Tuscan in feeling and detail, it features a three-story enclosed base surmounted by a richly ornamented bracketed cornice and an open arched fourth story with a projecting cornice and pantiled hip roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Stoneham Firestation possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It is significant as a locally important Renaissance Revival design and as the town's finest firestation. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. The Stoneham Firestation embodies the distinctive characteristics of turn-of-the-century firestation design. There are three major components of the design, each serving a separate function: within the L plan, one end of the L contains the garage while the opposite end contains offices and residential space. Within the highly visible tower, the fire hose could be hung to dry. Firestation designs with these three components were common in Massachusetts from the 1880s through the early 20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings in the Stoneham Historical Society.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered _____

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

53. Oddfellows Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

54. Old Burying Ground

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

55. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Paula Ann Dwyer 4/13/84

Attest

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

58. Stoneham Firestation

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

59. Stoneham Public Library

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

60. Tay, Jesse, House

Entered in the
National Register

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stoneham Firestation (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

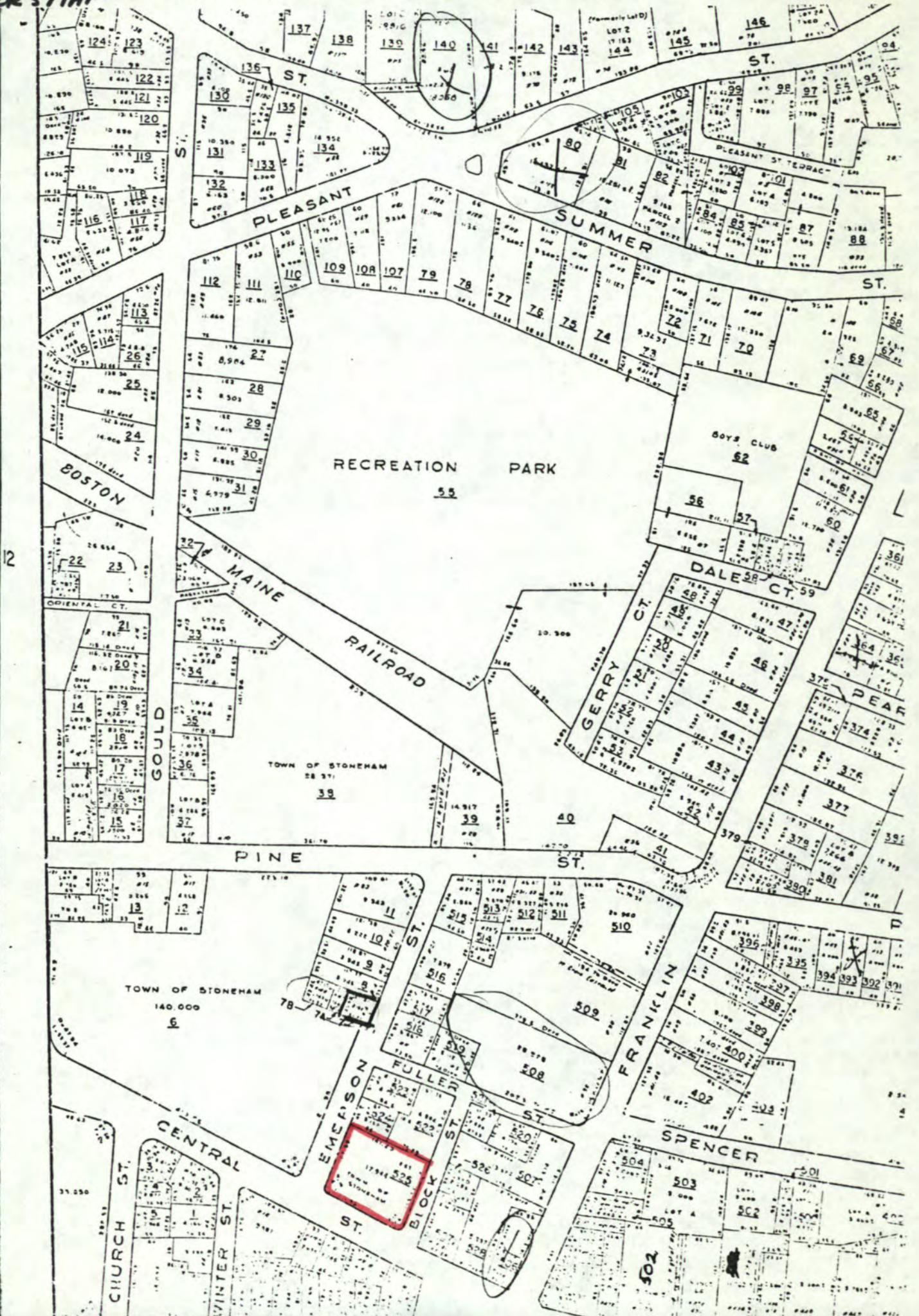
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Storham Fire Station

Storham MRA, Ma

8130



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000295