

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

140-D

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 92 Downing Street

Name Downing Street Schoolhouse

Present use school

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1891

Source building notices

Style Romanesque Revival

Architect W. R. Forbush

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features projecting circular bay at
facade, flanked by arched entries, yellow
brick trim

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 8, p. 1

Lot 10--36,343 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 180'

Approximate distance of building from street
15'

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	☐	Conservation	☒	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☒	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☐				

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

Built in 1891, the Downing Street Schoolhouse is an unusual example of Romanesque Revival style architecture, resembling the Abbott Street Schoolhouse, also designed by William R. Forbush (see individual building form). The building consists of a rectangular plan main body, with a projecting central section. Centered on this section is a semi-circular tower-like bay which contains the stairhall. Flanking this bay are two arched entries surmounted by tri-partite arched windows. Additional details include "eyebrow" dormers on the roof's southside, and trim of yellow brick. The building was constructed by W. F. Dearborn at a cost around \$35,000. Little is known of William Forbush, who is listed as an architect in the 1886 directory only. Later building notices imply that Forbush carried on an architectural practice in Boston.

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

Engineering & Bldg. Record, Vol. XXIII, 2/21/1891, p. 202;
Vol. XXIII, 5/16/1891, p. 402, (bldg.
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-dickers). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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.

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~~ ^{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
AK/DOH
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. ~~ALREADY WAS MISSING~~
DID 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 ~~WAS~~ ^{AM} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~
ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~State OK~~ 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 & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



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Downing Street School

92 Downing St.

Worcester MA, Ma

South & east
elevations



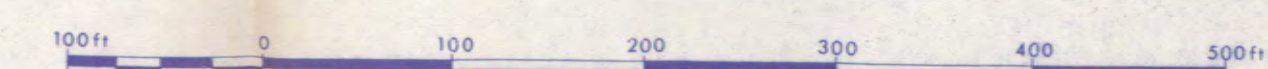
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UPDATED BY _____, DATE: _____

THIS MAP REPRODUCED
FROM MAPPING MEETING
NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY
STANDARDS AT A SCALE
OF 1"=200'



500 FOOT GRID BASED ON
MASS. RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM

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CITY OF WORCESTER
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

PROJECT: M.S.M. 2517 DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 4-22-75
SHEET 140 OF 220 SHEETS

