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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lake Street Fire Station

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2 Lake Street

CITY, TOWN Gardner N/A VICINITY OF 2nd 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Worcester CODE 027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Gardner

STREET & NUMBER Pleasant Street

CITY, TOWN Gardner VICINITY OF Massachusetts STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER 2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN Worcester, Massachusetts STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #212

DATE 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Lake Street Fire Station is located at the northwest corner of Lake and Richmond Streets on a site which overlooks the Heywood-Wakefield Manufacturing complex (potential N.R.). Built in 1884, the fire station is a two and one-half storey brick structure containing elements of Italianate and Victorian Gothic design to which one-storey wing has been added at the station's southwest corner. The main (original) body of the station has a rectangular plan and is enclosed by a slate-covered pitched roof.

The facade (southeast elevation) is nearly symmetrically arranged containing four low-arched entries for engines in its northern four bays and a smaller entry in its southernmost bay. Each of the four entries rises from a dressed granite base to an undecorated brick arch. It is likely that these arches were added to the building in the early twentieth century, replacing an unknown original arrangement of entries. Centered at the facade's second storey is a three-sided oriel window which is flanked by two widely spaced windows on each side. Each window except the oriel, contains 2/2 sash set in a brick surround with a rock-faced stone sill and low-arched head with stone springers. The cornice is set on a base of brick corbelling and is decorated with paired brackets. Centered above the cornice is a decorative gable containing an oculus.

End walls (southwest and northeast) were originally identical, although the southwest elevation is now partially blocked by a one-storey addition. Each end elevation contained three symmetrically placed windows at both the first and second stories. These windows are set in surrounds, identical to those of the facade's second storey. Above the second storey each end wall has a high gable, trimmed by brick corbelling and a cornice with paired brackets. Symmetrically placed in each gable are two windows (2/2sash) set in undecorated, arched surrounds with rock-faced stone sills.

The station's rear (northwest) elevation makes use of the same decorative elements found elsewhere in the structure, but is asymmetrically arranged. At the station's southwest corner is a rectangular-plan addition, one-storey high with a flat roof. Built in 1939 and faced with brick laid up in a stretcher bond, this wing has blank elevations except for its facade (southeast). The facade is three bays long and contains three rectangular entries for automobiles. Each of these entries contains a wood-and-glass panelled door similar to those of the four engine entries; these doors are likely to have been added at the same time during the mid-twentieth century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION	
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE	
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE	
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	—COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION	
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		—INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1884 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lake Street Fire Station possesses integrity of design, location, setting and use, having served as a Fire Station for nearly a century. The building's eclectic combination of an Italianate style plan and decorative details with the limited use of Victorian Gothic polychromy in its window surrounds mark it as a good local example of Victorian civic architecture. The apparent early twentieth century alterations of the station's engine entries reflect the building's adaptation to more modern fire fighting equipment than that which it had been planned to contain. Upon completion in 1884, the Lake Street Fire Station, then one of the city's largest public buildings, served a variety of uses. The building's cellar contained a "lock-up", now used as a boiler room, while the second story contained classroom space which was used as the "Old Bell School House" until 1890 when a separate school house was built on Chestnut Street. Because of its location at the edge of a residential neighborhood, the station's hall was used occasionally as a community hall for public meetings. Although currently in use as a Fire House, the Lake Street Fire Station is scheduled to be closed following the completion of a new central/downtown Fire Station.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fire Department Ledger, City of Gardner Fire Department

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,890 sq. ft.

QUADRANGLE NAME Gardner

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 2542010 471791810
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached assessor's map

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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with

Eric Engelson
Gardner Historical
Commission

ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE
June, 1979

STREET & NUMBER
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CITY OR TOWN
Boston

STATE
Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Weslowski 1/4/80

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Bruce M. Douglas
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/25/80

ATTEST: *Patrick Andrews*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3/24/80

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MAR 25 1980

Property Lake Street Fire Station

State Ma - Worcester

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TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 1

Maps 2

Built in 1884 this 2 1/2 story brick building is an example of Victorian Italianate public architecture. Its significance lies in the buildings importance to this small town - it served as a fire station for nearly a century and at various times has functioned as a jail, a schoolhouse, and a community hall for public meetings. *accept Patrick Andrews 3/24/80*

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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Inventory _____

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Lake Street Fire Station
2 Lake Street
Gardner, Mass.

Worcester Co. ME.

Windsor Robinson 1977
Gardner Historical Commission

Photo #1 of 1
Facade facing north

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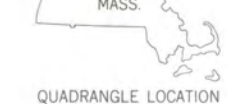
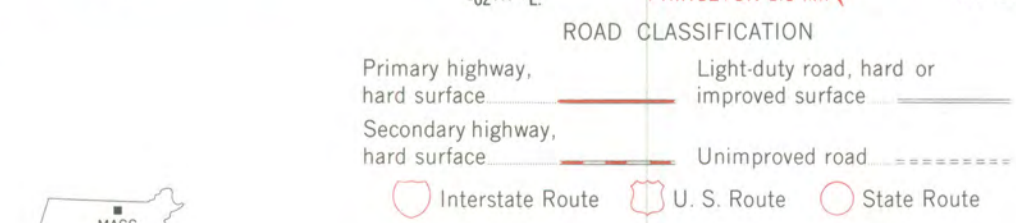
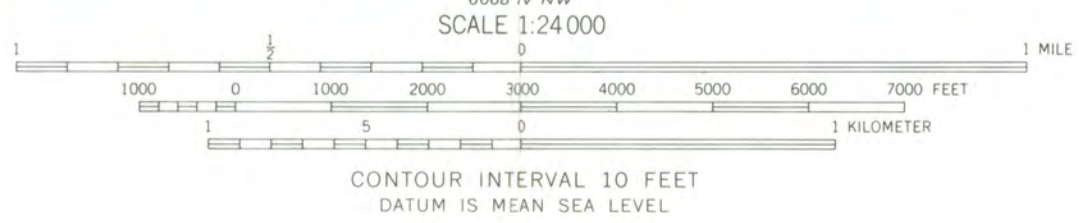
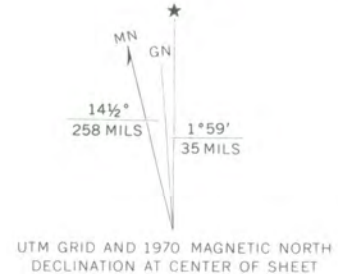
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Lake Street Fire Station
2 Lake Street

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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings
are shown



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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Name

Location

Correction

The following National Register entries should be listed
under the state of Massachusetts instead of Maine.

Fisher, Nathan, House

Shrewsbury vicinity
Worcester County

Maples Cottage

Shrewsbury vicinity
Worcester County

Lake Street Fire Station

Gardner
Worcester County

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