

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Roll 18:26A

Town Stoneham

Address 461 Main St.

Historic Name First Baptist Church

Use: Original church

Present church

Ownership: Private individual

Private organization

First Baptist Church

Public _____

Original owner First Baptist Church

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1892

Source documents

Style Queen Anne

Architect L.B. Volk & Sons, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

roof slate changed to asphalt shingles

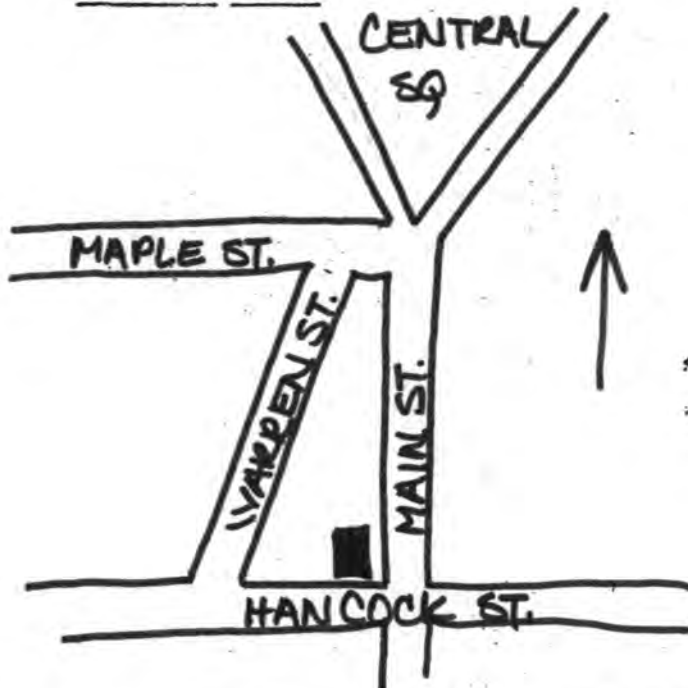
Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 14,498 sq. ft.

Setting mix of commercial, residential and institutional

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Recorded by Candace Jenkins with Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979

Assessor's Map #13-296

UTM: Boston North Quad
13/327270/4704640

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

The First Baptist Church is the latest of three well preserved nineteenth century churches, and the only one whose architect is known. Constructed in 1892, it is more complex in plan and massing than its predecessors and combines bricks and shingles in its construction. In general, the first story is brick, while the gabled areas and the tower are shingled. The main body of the church is rectangular with two cross gables facing east toward Main Street and a two story tower projecting out between them. The gables contain arched, stained glass windows and decorative corbeled courses. The three stage tower consists of a base with triangular hooded entry, an elongated belfry with paired arched openings containing stained glass rondels, and a four sided steeple. A secondary entry is located at the southern end of the facade.

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

The First Baptist Church possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant as a well detailed, architect designed, Queen Anne style church and for its associations with the First Baptist Society. Organized in 1870, the First Baptist Church began formal services as a chapel on Common Street which served until 1892 and the construction of the present church. This building is one of the finest masonry structures in central Stoneham, and few of its original features have been altered. The First Baptist Church replaced the estate of Luther Hill, a prominent local manufacturer of shoes.

It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of historic places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

W. Stevens, History of Stoneham

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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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

21. Farrier, Amasa, Boardinghouse

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

22. Farrier, Amasa, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

23. First Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

24. First Congregational Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

25. First Unitarian Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

26. Foley, Michael, Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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27. Foster, Walter K.,
House

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National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/13/84

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28. Fuller, Enoch, House

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29. Fuller, William Griffin,
House

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30. Gill, Charles, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

First Baptist Church (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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

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

Acreage 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: _____



First Baptist Church
Stoughton Mass, Ma

8120

TOWN OF STONEHAM PRESENT ASSESSOR'S MAP DATE

1" = 200'

267 246



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295