

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

165-F

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

Roll 23
Roll 13

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

1. Town Worcester

Address 510 Cambridge Street

Name Cambridge Street Schoolhouses
1 & 2

Present use vacant

Present owner I.R.F. Corporation
55 Hudson St., Northboro, 01532

3. Description:

Date 1869, 1890, 1916

Source city documents
Second Empire (1869); Romanesque
Style Revival (1890); Gothic Revival
(1916)

Architect Elbridge Boyden (1869)

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) see reverse

Other features slight central pavilion,
end pavilions with high hip roofs,
wooden entry porch with pierced

brackets

Altered addition Date 1916

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 7, p.36
Lot 22, 32,587 sq.ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 120'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by S.Lee, ed. B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

(over)

UTM
19/268120/4680440

7. Original owner (if known) city of Worcester

Original use school house

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates vacant (present)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u>X</u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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

Built in three sections, the Cambridge Street Schoolhouse contains Worcester's only Second Empire style school house to have escaped major alteration. Built in 1869 from plans by Elbridge Boyden, the building's front section is a two-storey brick structure with a third storey beneath a slate-covered mansard roof. The facade is symmetrical with slightly projecting center and end pavilions, an original entry porch, and decorative brickwork at the cornice. This arrangement of the facade is similar to that of other larger school buildings designed by Boyden, notably, the Washburn Shops at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (form 102-L), the Ladies' Seminary on Providence Street (early 1850s - now demolished) and the 1867 renovation of Fenwick Hall at Holy Cross College (form 177-A).

In 1890, a second free-standing schoolhouse was built at the rear of the lot. This building is a two and one-half storey brick structure with a square floor plan and hip roof. Trimmed with brown sandstone, most features of this structure are derived from Romanesque Revival architecture, but are without specifically Romanesque decoration. In 1916, a three-storey brick and tile Gothic style addition was added to the rear wall (south) of the 1869 schoolhouse.

The Cambridge Street Schoolhouse was built to serve South Worcester, an area which had been sparsely populated until the mid-1850s, when Southbridge Street was extended, providing a direct link with downtown Worcester. During the 1860's and 1870s, the development of industry along Southbridge Street and along

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

Worcester Historical Society. Biography File. (Boyden obit.).
City Document #24, for 1869. Auditor's Report (names Boyden).
City Document #45, for 1890. Auditor's Report. (schoolhouse #2).
Nutt, C. Hist. of Worc. Vol. II, p. 702 (photo).

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Community: Worcester	Form No: 165-F
Property Name: Cambridge Street Schoolhouse	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical significance

the Norwich and Worcester and Western Railroad beds brought increased residential development to the area. The success of carpet manufacturing in the area (form 177-D), particularly after the mid-1880s, resulted in further increases in population, which, in turn, created the need for additions to the Cambridge Street Schoolhouse. The school remained in use until 1976; in 1978 the city sold the property.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

ACCEPT
AKC/OK/SL
2/28/80

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Soldha
3/5/80

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.

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. DUBIE

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. BIDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ALLEGEDLY WAS MISSING IN SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DETERMINE~~ ^{WAS} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State

(not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + State. DUBIE

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claim from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (Elihu from State)

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered _____

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Prestige Prints

165-F
510 Cambridge St
Worcester, MA
West elevations
Cambridge Street Schools

30 AUG 1978

Exp 27

Roll 13



JAN 1978

JAN 1978

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by Berkeley

Prestige Prints

Worcester, MA

165-F

30 AUG 1979

510 Cambridge St

Cambridge Street Schoolhouse

North elevations

Exp. 26
Roll 13

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304