

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	247

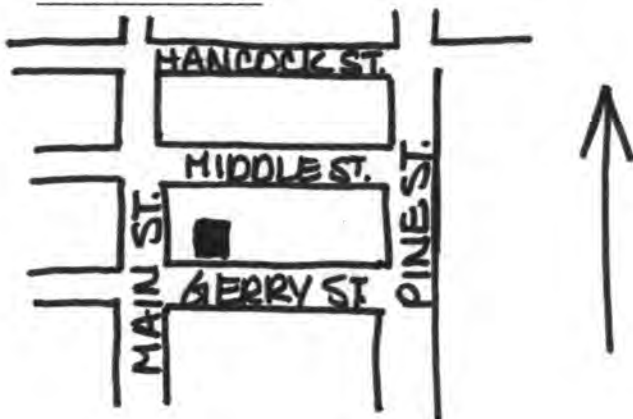
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SKETCH MAP

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 Carole Zellie (ed. Sarah Zimmerman)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979

Assessor's Map #18-246

Town Stoneham

Address 9-11 Gerry Street

Historic Name South School

Present Owner: New England Memorial Hospital

Original Owner: Town of Stoneham

Use: Present Dorcas Center

Original School

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1857

Source Town records

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Shingle (originally clapboard)

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) Chimneys, ca. 1890; entrance portico, ca. 1910.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 15,600 sq. ft.

Setting Densely developed 19th century residential neighborhood

UTM: Boston North Quad
19 327320 4704460

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The South School, built 1857-58, is Stoneham's best preserved mid 19th century schoolhouse. The school, which rises two stories from a granite foundation to a broad gable roof, features a simple rectangular plan, five-bay facade and central entry. As originally built, the South School contained four classrooms, two on each floor. The School retains its original form unaltered as well as the bracketed cornice, overhanging eaves and gable returns of its original Italianate appearance. Subsequent alterations to the building include introduction of a pair of large central chimneys (probably as part of a change in the heating system, ca. 1890), replacement of the original entry porch with a Colonial Revival porch (ca. 1910), residing of the original clapboards and flushboarding with shingles (ca. 1960) and addition of shutters to all sash (ca. 1960). The building appears to have been used as a school well into the 20th century; it probably came into residential use ca. 1960.

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

The South School is significant as the best preserved mid-19th century school in Stoneham. The South School is also important as a manifestation of the municipal response to Stoneham's rapid economic growth at mid-century: three new four-room schools (one of them the South School) and an Almshouse (#113) were constructed in the 1850s to serve a population which had doubled between 1840 and 1850. Architecturally, the South School is significant as one of the earliest surviving examples of two-story, multi-room school construction in the Boston area: prior to 1850, most schools constructed were one-story structures with one or two rooms. The South School meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Photographs and records in the Stoneham Historical Society collections.

1874 Map of Stoneham.

Town histories.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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2/26/84

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

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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

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

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59. Stoneham Public Library

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National Register

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Delores Byers 4/13/84

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60. Tay, Jesse, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

South School (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 25/85
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

- ☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



South School

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295