

ref no 80000634

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	141-LL

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Town Worcester  
Address 36 Woodland Street  
Name Woodland Street Firehouse  
Present use fire station

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1886  
Source City Documents  
Queen Anne and Romanesque  
Style Revival

Architect Fuller & Delano

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features arched entry, gable  
with tri-partite arched windows,  
carved capital, tower at rear

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

UTM  
19/267550/4681960

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6, p.23  
Lot 46 5,382 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 45'

Approximate distance of building from street  
20'

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 firehouse  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Woodland Street Firehouse is a two-storey brick building, with a rectangular floor plan and a square-plan tower at its southwest corner. At its facade (east) the building rises from a base of rock-faced granite laid in a broken course; centered at ground level is an arched entry (original doors) above which are tripartite windows and a gable with a sandstone coping and finial. The building is enclosed by a slate-covered hip roof. The tower rises approximately four stories to a belfry framed by paired arches and is enclosed by a high hip roof. The Woodland Street is one of the finest of Worcester's Victorian firehouses, both for its unaltered condition and for the high quality of its original design which combines elements of Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival styles.

Nearly identical to the Cambridge Street Firehouse (Form 166-A) which was also designed by Fuller & Delano in 1886, the Woodland Street building was built to serve the surrounding residential area which grew dramatically in the 1880s and 1890s as early large lots and estates were subdivided for suburban development.

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

City Document #41, year ending 11/30/1886, Auditors Report, p.56.  
Sanitary Engineer, vol. XIII, 5/27/1886, p.624 (building notice)

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 or 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.

HISTORIAN  
Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10.30.79

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

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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  
MURPHY  
2/28/80

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

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

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 ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. BASED ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend Listing all properties <sup>now</sup> ~~except~~ <sup>except</sup> these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ <sup>to discuss further</sup> w/NR staff + state. DUBIE  
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 & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_  
SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



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by Berkeley

Woodland St. Firehouse  
141-LL  
Westchester MRA, Ma  
36 Woodland St  
East elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304