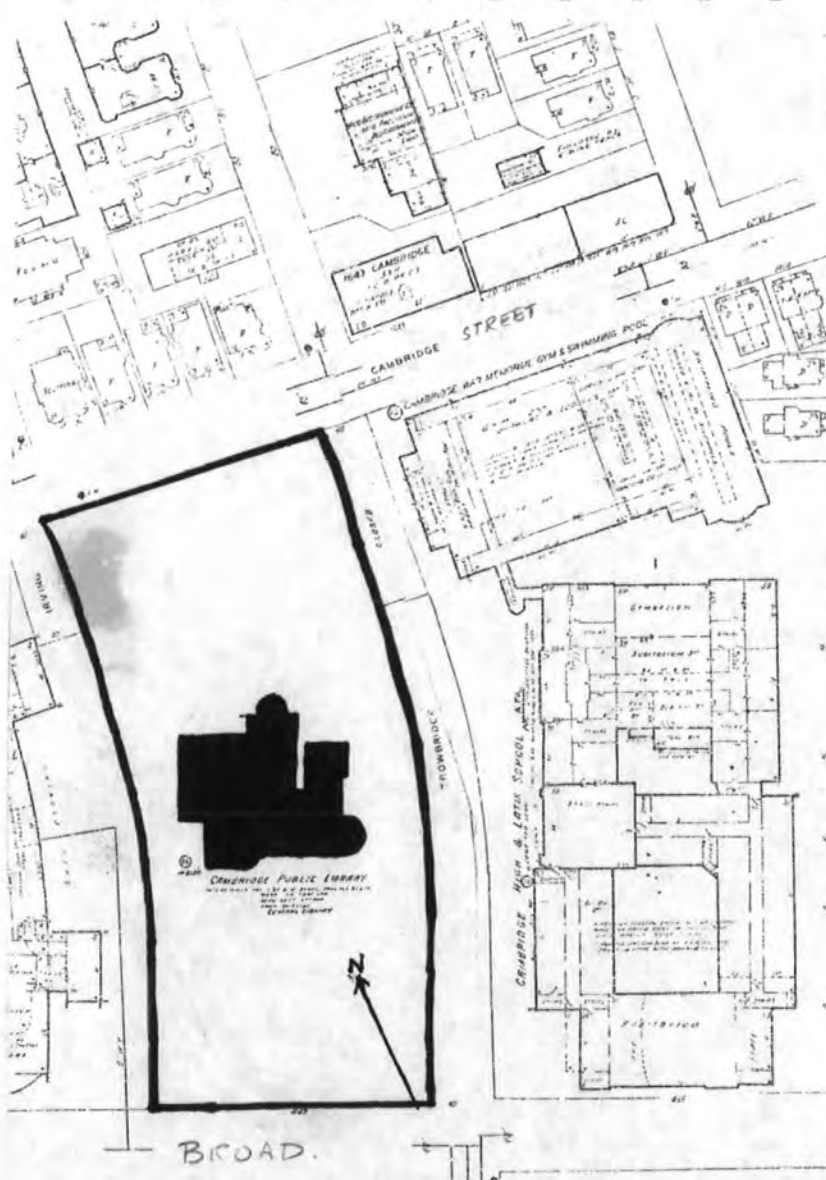


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 1095-30



1. Town Cambridge

Address 449 Broadway

Name Cambridge Public Library

Present use Library

Present owner City of Cambridge

3. Description:

Date 1888

Source deed records, Cambridge history

Style Richardsonian Romanesque

Architect Van Brunt & Howe

Exterior wall fabric rough stone w/ brown stone trim

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features copper roof trim, red tile roof, and conical tower.

Altered Major addition Date 1968

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre

Approximate frontage 240'

Approximate distance of building from street 215'

6. Recorded by Susan Maycock

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm

Date 1967

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19/326160/4693260

7. Original owner (if known) City of Cambridge

Original use Public Library

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Cambridge Public Library was the first of the four public buildings given to the City of Cambridge by Frederick H. Rindge.

The design of Van Brunt & Howe was selected by Rindge from a field of five architects that included Peabody & Stearns, McKim, Mead & White, Chamberlin & Whidden, and William Wentworth. The Van Brunt & Howe design is an amalgam of Richardsonian motifs, affirming the contemporary popularity and acceptance of Richardson's buildings. It draws heavily on earlier Richardson libraries at Woburn, Quincy and North Easton.

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

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Cummings, E. E., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Wm. H. Brackham 6-30-82

Attest

92. Divinity Hall

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

93. North Avenue Congregational Church

Keeper

Wm. H. Brackham 6-30-82

Attest

94. Prospect Congregational Church

Keeper

William A. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

95. University Museum

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/12/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/12/86

96. Old Cambridge Baptist Church

Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

97. Ware Hall

Keeper

Wm. H. Brackham 6-30-82

Attest

98. Cambridge Public Library

Keeper

William H. Brackham 4.13.82

Attest

99. Church of the New Jerusalem

Substantive Review

Keeper

Wm. H. Brackham 6-30-82

Attest

100. Busch-Reischinger House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Ret 6/10/82

Attest

Harvard

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Cambridge Public Library
Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
 State, County: MA - Middlesex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 4/17/82
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

photos 1
 maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Richardsonian influenced design by prominent firm
 of Van Brunt & Howe - library is significant
 as a public institution and for
 associations with donor, Frederick
 H. Rindge*

Recom. / Criteria AB+C
 Reviewer Braun
 Discipline Arch Hist
 Date 4.6.82
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

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 _____

USIT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275