

FORM B - BUILDING

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

ref no 80000497

In Area no.	Form no.
	192-A

Worcester

1. Town Worcester
 Address 812 Millbury Street
 Name Quinsigamond Branch Library
 Present use branch library

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

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1913

Source cornerstone

Style Beaux Arts Classical

Architect Fuller & Delano Co.

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Ionic entry with anthemion, limestone mouldings and entablature cornice, brick parapet with limestone coping

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 10, p.16
Lot 1 20,547 sq.ft.

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 110'

Approximate distance of building from street
65'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

Roll #12

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

UTM
19/262220/4679350

(over)

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

Original use branch library

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)

Located at the center of Quinsigamond Village, the Quinsigamond Branch Library is one of several public buildings which give the surrounding area the appearance of a small town center. The building is one storey high, built of brick with dressed limestone trim. The library's symmetrical facade is dominated by a projecting central pavilion which contains an Ionic entry. Flanking the pavilion are tri-partite windows set in stone surrounds. The building is enclosed by a flat roof which is concealed by a brick parapet with limestone coping.

Built in 1913, the Quinsigamond Branch Library was one of three branch libraries built in Worcester as the result of a \$75,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie in 1912. Prior to the construction of these libraries, access to the public library was limited to the main building on Elm Street (now demolished) and to selected delivery points. By 1908, the city's expansion to sections distant from the downtown area resulted in a movement to build branch libraries. As with the other two libraries built at this time (Greendale Branch Library - Form 33-A and the South Worcester Branch Library - Form 165-I) the Quinsigamond Branch Library was built on land donated by local industry, in this case by the American Steel and Wire Company which had been responsible for much of the development of Quinsigamond Village. The method of selecting the building's architects is unknown; perhaps a competition was held. However architects were selected, it is likely that details of the building's plan, scale and dimensions had already been established by the city or by Carnegie before architects were sought. At present the Quinsigamond Branch Library is in original condition.

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

City Document #68 for 1913. Auditor's report, p. 144 (architect)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. I, pp. 779-781 (photo)

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. DOUBLE

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 bldg 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. Pledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. BASED ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend listing all ^{now} properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{w/ NR staff + State. DOUBLE} 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 & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldha
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



PUBLIC LIBRARY
DUANE-GARNOLD BRANCH

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Quinsigamond Branch Library

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118 Millbury

Worcester, MA

East North

Station

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304