

FORM B - BUILDING

ref no 80000593

In Area no.	Form no. 119-C
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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

Roll 20

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

1. Town Worcester
 Address 267 Plantation Street or
676 Franklin Street
 Name Bloomington Fire House
 Present use fire house
 Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:
 Date 1894-1895
 Source building notice
 Style elements of Classical and
Queen Anne styles
 Architect George Clemence
 Exterior wall fabric yellow brick
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features high slate-covered roof
with small cupola and bell tower;
classical limestone window trim;
rusticated brick first storey
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

UTM 5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 19, p. 7, Lot
 19/271200/4682960 7; 9,272 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 70'
 Approximate distance of building from street
10'

6. Recorded by S. Lee, ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date November 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester
 Original use fire house
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

As Worcester's population grew in the last two decades of the nineteenth century from 58,291 (1880) to 118,421 (1900), the City constructed many new fire houses to protect newly developed residential areas. The City seems to have employed various local architects to design the new houses, although it is unclear how architects were selected (whether by competition, bid, etc.). The Bloomingdale Fire House, one of several designed by George Clemence, was constructed on land donated by William Putnam by W. F. Dearborn and Sons, contractors, at a cost of \$12,137,96, paid to the firm in two payments, one in 1895, the other in 1896. The fire house is a two and one-half storey mottled buff brick structure with a high slate-covered hip roof. On the building's south side is a square-plan tower which rises to an open belfry and high hip-turret. At the facade are two engine doors, framed by low arches with limestone keystones. Above are two sets of tri-partite windows set in limestone surrounds. Presently, the fire house is unaltered and is, visually, an important part of its neighborhood.

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

City Documents. 1895, No. 49, p. 41; 1896, No. 50, p. 54; 1923, No. 77, p. 707.

George H. Clemence, Souvenirs. (1898 -illustration).

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 & 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 w/ 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 bldg need to be discussed with State.

WHAT 3 EXCEPTIONS ALL PROPERTIES APPEAR TO ME TO MEET THE CRITERIA AND THE FORMS ARE ADEQUATE. ~~THE~~ 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. PBDs WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OTHER

ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. A CREDGE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

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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 ~~DO NOT~~ ^{AM} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

BRANCH CHIEF

3/5/80
DUBIE

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 (fully from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

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



30 AUG 1979

Bloomingsdale Fire House

119-C ^{Worcester}
M.A., Ma

267 Plantation

St
East & north
elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304