

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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ASSESSOR #125-102

1. Town Cambridge

Address 176 River Street

Name River Street Firehouse

Present use firehouse

Present owner City of Cambridge

3. Description:

Date 1890

Source local histories

Style Queen Anne

Architect George Fogarty

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) ---

Other features herringbone brick

work, two-bay facade flanked by

short corner towers.

Altered No Date ----

Moved No Date ----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 48 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

10 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

Organization Cambridge Historical Comm

Date 1965

UTM- BOSTON SOUTH

19/326200/4692040

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Cambridge

Original use firehouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This firehouse is an example of the standard late nineteenth century firehouse form: two stories high, two or three bays wide, with an attached hose drying/bell tower.

The firehouse was designed in the Queen Anne style by George Fogerty. Fogerty and his father, James Fogerty, were prolific Cambridge architects whose numerous commissions in the City included firehouses, schools and public buildings. The building is two stories high with a two-bay facade. A triple arched facade window is placed against the background of herringbone brick work.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Read, Cheney, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

52. Reardon, Edmund, House

Substantive Review ✓

Keeper

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53. River Street Firehouse

Substantive Review ✓

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54. Sands, Ivory, House

Substantive Review ✓

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55. Senior House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION ✓

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56. South Row

Substantive Review ✓

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57. Urban Rowhouse (40-48 Pearl St.)

Substantive Review ✓

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58. Urban Rowhouse (30-38 Pearl St.)

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59. Urban Rowhouse (26-32 River St.)

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60. Valentine Soap Workers Cottages
(5-7 Cottage St.)

Substantive Review ✓

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: River Street Firehouse (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

photos 1

maps _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Nicely designed firehouse - But no contextual information on statement on why this bldg is eligible for the N.R.

- accept due to firehouse remaining as 1 of 4 from its period - (info from Cambridge survey)

Recom./Criteria ATC

Reviewer Braverman

Discipline architect

Date 4.13.82

☐ 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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrew

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Cambridge MRA, MA

River Street Firehouse

176 River St.

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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