

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

192-B

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

Roll #12

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 837 Millbury StreetName Quinsigamond FirehousePresent use fire stationPresent owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1891-1892Source City DocumentsStyle Romanesque RevivalArchitect Patston & LincolnExterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features central gable withPalladian window, sandstone trimAltered bricks at mid-20th
base centuryMoved no Date5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 10, p. 16
Lot 11 7,500 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acreApproximate frontage 55'Approximate distance of building from street
15'6. Recorded by B.R. PfeifferOrganization 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	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

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

Built in 1891-1892, the Quinsigamond Firehouse with its high hip roof, central gable and central grouping of three windows is somewhat reminiscent of the Woodland Street and Cambridge Street Firehouses of 1886 (see Forms 141-LL and 166-A). However, unlike those two earlier firehouses, the Quinsigamond Firehouse is of two-and-one-half storey (instead of two-storey) height and has a Palladian window in its central gable. Decorative trim consists principally of rock-faced sandstone and a small, carved sandstone cap at the gable's peak. Originally this firehouse was to have been built on Quinsigamond Avenue; however, difficulties were encountered in buying a lot with the result that the present Millbury Street site was chosen after several postponements of construction. The firehouse was built by local builder O.C. Ward at a cost of \$7,112.

The Quinsigamond Firehouse is one of several public buildings along Millbury Street at Quinsigamond Village which give the area the appearance of a small town center., reflecting Quinsigamond Village's standing as a distinct area within Worcester.

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

City Documents: #46, year ending 11/30/1891, Fire Department Report;
#47, year ending 11/30/1892, p. 203.

Engineering and Building Record, vol. XXIV, 8/8/1891, p. xi (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 & 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). ^{Historian} Call/Accept
^{Lightner} 10.30.79
Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.
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. ^{Architectural Historian} DOUBLE

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. BPS were not necessary because

OTHER

ACCEPT
AK/20/80
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.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 116 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

but believe they could be OK. ~~Based~~ ^{Based}

on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + State. ^{DOUBLE} 3/5/80

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demolition 5/4/80), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



192-B³⁰ AUG 1979
Westchester MRA, Ma
837 Millbury
Quinsigamond Forest
West elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304