

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

128-B

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

Roll 11

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 36 Abbott StreetName Abbott Street SchoolhousePresent use schoolPresent owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1894, 1905Source City DocumentsStyle Romanesque RevivalArchitect W.R. Forbush (of Boston)Exterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features projecting semi-circularcentral bay flanked by arched entries,granite trimAltered no Date _____Moved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6, p.10
Lot 8 41,273 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 125'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'S. Lee6. Recorded by ed. B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date February 1978

(over)

UTM
19/267250/4682600

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester
Original use grammar school
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> X </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 1894 from plans by William Forbush of Boston (also of Worcester) the Abbott Street School bears a strong resemblance in plan and detail to the Downing Street School of 1891 also designed by Forbush (Form 140-D). The Abbott Street School consists of a rectangular-plan main structure from which projects a central pavilion (east wall). At the center of this pavilion is a two-storey, semi-circular bay which is flanked by entry arches (1st storey) and tri-partite windows (2d storey). Decorative elements of this central pavilion (arches, rock-faced granite trim and conical slate roof) are derived from Romanesque Revival architecture, while trim of the building's main body is more utilitarian in character. This building was constructed by B.C. Jaques, a local builder, at a cost of \$20,000. In 1905-1906 a two-storey brick addition was built at the rear (west) of the original building. Of similar design to the main body of the schoolhouse, this addition was designed by J. William Patston of Worcester.

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

City Documents, #49, year ending 11/30/1894, p.72; #60, year ending 11/30/1905, p.77.

Engineering and Building Record, vol. XXX, 7/26/1894, p.148 (building notice)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

CONTROL

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). Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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. DOBIE

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
MacDonald
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Alledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections.

HAER

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 ~~was~~ am not convinced about boundaries but believe they could be OK. Based on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



Prestige Prints

JUN 1979

Abbott Street Schoolhouse

128-B

Worcester MA, MA

36 Abbott St

east elevation

30 AUG 1979

by Datkey

Prestige Prints

JUN 1979

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UPDATED BY _____, DATE: _____

THIS MAP REPRODUCED
FROM MAPPING MEETING
NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY
STANDARDS AT A SCALE
OF 1"=200'



500 FOOT GRID BASED ON
MASS. RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM

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CITY OF WORCESTER
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

PROJECT: M.S.M. 2517

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 4-22-75

SHEET 128 OF 220 SHEETS



