

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	492
	K-6-16

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number Crst. 5-3A

1. Town Fall River, Mass.  
Address 1058 Pleasant St.  
Name Pocasset Firehouse #7  
Present use Firehouse and Police  
Sub-station  
Present owner City of Fall River

3. Description: 2st. brick w/hip roof.  
Date 1873

Source cornerstone  
Style High Victorian

Architect Hartwell & Swazey

Exterior wall fabric red brick w/ granite  
trim

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features round arched windows w/  
voussoirs, hipped roof dormer,  
elaborate cornice.

Altered addition Date 1898

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 10,684 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by K. Champlin/P. Giza

Organization FROHP

Date 7/24/80

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

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ROCLIFFE

1058  
PLEASANT ST.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fall River

Original use Engine House

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

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)

One of four distinguished Ruskinian Gothic brick and granite Fire Stations designed by Hartwell & Swazey and built in 1873 (Stewart, Snow & Fass, contractors), all of which are still standing.

The firm of Hartwell & Swazey also designed the Central Congregational Church and the Academy Building.

In 1895, an extension was built on the west side of the main structure for the accomodation of a hook and ladder truck. A portion of the building was used as a police station.

Built strategically in several quarters of the city, these fire stations were built in anticipation of the completion of the Fall River Water-Works, and were considered to be the most modern fire-fighting stations of the period. Ruskinian Gothic was "the style" for public buildings in Fall River circa 1873-1880. This fire station is an intact, richly detailed structure, representative of the fine architectural quality of public buildings erected during Fall River's period of greatest prosperity; it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Source for architects' and contractors' names: Auditor's Report (1875) found in City Documents 1870-1875.

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

Atlas 1895: Shown

1883: Shown

1871: Not Shown

Bldg. Dept.: City of Fall River, June 8, 1898 #150, brick engine house  
33x63½, 2st.

Water Dept.: City of Fall River, Aug. 5, 1898, engine house #7458

Hist. of Fire Dept., Capt. Thomas E. Lynch, 1911 p.160

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 1/5/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Notre Dame School

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

62. Oak Grove Cemetery

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

63. Osborn Street School

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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64. Picard, Israel, House

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National Register

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65. Pilgrim Mills

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National Register

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66. Pine Street School

Entered in the  
National Register

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67. Pocasset Firehouse #7

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68. Prince Henry The Navigator  
(statue)

Substantive Review

Keeper

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69. Quequechan Club

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National Register

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70. Quequechan Valley Mills  
Historic District

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Pocasset Firehouse #7 (Fall River MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84  
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 2/6/83  
 RETURN  
Entered In the National Register  REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NAME: Pocasset Fire House No. 7

LOCATION: 1058 Pleasant Street  
Fall River, <sup>MA</sup>Mass.

PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1981)

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic  
Preservation  
One Government Center  
Fall River, Mass. 02722  
(PSNR-14-1)

IDENTIFICATION: Pocasset Fire House  
3/4 view, looking east

*photo # 1 of 2*



INST 5-3A

POCASSET FIRE STATION  
1058 PLEASANT ST

Fall River MRA, Mo

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279