

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	164-G

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

Roll 13

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

1. Town Worcester
 Address 6 Freeland Street
 Name St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 Present use church and parish hall
 Present owner St. Mark's Church,
Parish of Zero Freeland
Street
3. Description: Street
 Date 1888-1889
 Source Nutt, vol. II
 Style Romanesque Revival
 Architect Stephen C. Earle
 Exterior wall fabric brown sandstone
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features large entry arch with
radiating stone voussoirs, carved
stone panels, slate roofs, wood door
with ornamental hinges
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____
5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 7, p.13
Lot 9 13, 926 sq.ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 80'
 Approximate distance of building from street
30'
S. Lee
6. Recorded by ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc
 Date December 1977

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 Original use chapel and parish 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	_____				

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

St. Mark's Church is a fine and unusual example of Romanesque Revival design. Built of rock-faced sandstone laid in a broken course, the building consists of two rectangular-plan sections set perpendicularly to each other. The front section has an asymmetrical facade with virtually no decoration except for deep voussoirs forming the entry arch and two carved medallions, one on either side of the entry. Fenestration of the facade is irregular, perhaps reflecting interior arrangements and the desire to achieve "picturesque" asymmetry. The building's front section is approximately one and one-half stories high and contains the parish house, while the building's rear section contains a chapel capable of seating 350 people. All of the church's elevations are largely unornamented, leaving its fine stonework as the chief decorative element in its design.

St. Mark's Church was formed as a mission in 1887 and officially recognized as a parish in 1888. It was the third of four Episcopal mission churches in Worcester founded through the encouragement of the Rev. William Huntington, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church (the city's only Episcopal church until 1883). According to Huntington's design, the four new congregations founded between 1883 and 1903 were named for the first four evangelists. The first service of St. Mark's congregation was held in October, 1887 at the South Baptist Society where the congregation met for one year, during which time the present church building was constructed. Prominent founding members of the congregation included Orlando and James Norcross (see individual Building Forms 143-B-3 and 141-B-4) On February 7, 1889, the church building was dedicated.

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

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, pp. 857-859.
 Stevens, C.E. Worcester Churches (1890) pp. 129-132.

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 or 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

Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets. **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. **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. **OTHER**
ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. PLEASE WAS MISSING IN SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~REJECT~~ ^{am not} CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
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~~ w/NR staff + state. **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 & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding fruit from state) **3/5/80**

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____ **SEE 3/3/80 REPORT**



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Worcester MA, Ma

6 Freeland St.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

North elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304