

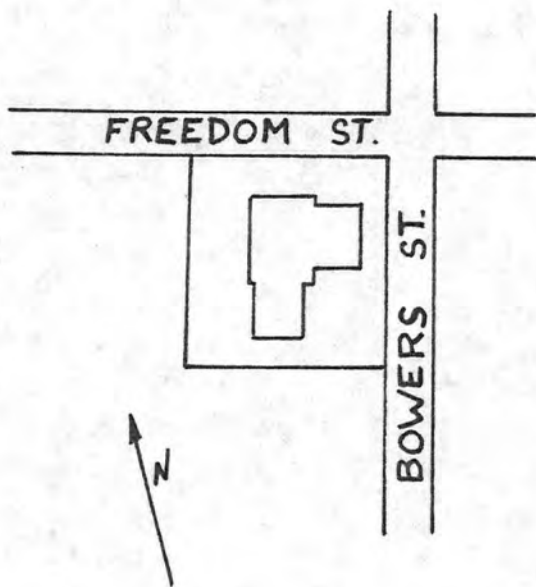
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. <u>BARBIA</u> 114
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number Chart, 6-33

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



1. Town Fall River, Mass.  
Address 83 Freedom St.  
Name Massasoit Firehouse #5  
Present use Equipment & storage,  
city tree department  
Present owner City of Fall River
3. Description: 2 story brick w.hipped ro  
Date 1873  
Source Cornerstone  
Style Ruskinian Gothic  
Architect Hartwell & Swazey  
Exterior wall fabric brick w/granite trim  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other features hip roofed dormer, round  
arched windows with voussoirs,  
right side blocked forward  
Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lot size: 14,719 sq.ft.  
One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate distance of building from street  
15'
6. Recorded by Kenneth Champlin  
Organization F.R.O.H.P.  
Date July 24, 1980

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 and 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.

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.

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

Atlas 1871: Land only

1883: Massasoit engine house

Architect: Hartwell and Swazey

Contractor: Stewart, Snow and Fass

Source: Auditor's report for 1875 for City Documents 1870-1875

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area

State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Kennedy Park

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

52. Kerr Thread Mill

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

53. King Philip Mills

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

54. Laurel Lake Mills

~~Substantive Review~~

Determined Eligible

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

55. Lindsey, William, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

56. Massasoit Fire House #5

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National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

57. Mechanics Mill

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58. Narragansett Mills

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59. North Burial Ground

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60. North Christian Congregational  
Church

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Massasoit Fire House #5 (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 2/16/83  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

UMT 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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



INST. 6-33

MASSASOIT FIRE STATION  
83 FREEDOM ST.

Fall River MRA, Ma

Massasoit Firehouse #5

83 Freedom St

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279