

FORM B - BUILDING

*Ref no 80000586*

In Area no.	Form no. 116-CBD 27
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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

Roll 28

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

1. Town Worcester  
 Address Waldo Street  
 Name Waldo Street Police Station  
 Present use police station and  
district court  
 Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:  
 Date 1918  
 Source Nutt, C. History of Worc.  
 Style Renaissance Revival  
 Architect George H. Clemence  
 Exterior wall fabric brick  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features ornate terracotta trim,  
projecting cornice with modillions  
and dentils, paired arched windows,  
marble panels  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

*UTM: 19/269060/4682860*

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 2, p. 21  
Lot 10 14,958 sq.ft.  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 100'  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
10'

6. Recorded by W. & M. Seaman  
ed. B.R. Pfeiffer  
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc  
 Date February 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

Original use police headquarters and district court

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates police headquarters

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Built in 1918 to replace a police station of the 1880s, the Waldo Street Police Station was designed to serve as police headquarters and as a courthouse for the Central District Court. Recently vacated, the Station is in unaltered condition, retaining all elements of its unusual Renaissance Revival design. The building is three stories high, rising from a high basement to a flat roof. North and west elevations and part of the south elevation are faced with pressed brick and trimmed with extremely ornate terracotta. The Station's two entries (west) are nearly identical, each consisting of a rectangular brick frame within which are set two roundels and an arched doorway; the entry arches are trimmed with terracotta bearing an interlocking foliate relief into which are cast the words "Police" (north entry) and "Courts" (south entry). Windows of the basement, first and second stories are set by pairs in rectangular brick surrounds. Third storey windows consist of paired arched windows set in large blind arches, each arch bearing a marble roundel. Above the third storey is a deep terracotta cornice made up of dentils, modillions, bead and reel mouldings and a band of foliate decoration. Designed by George Clemence, a local architect, the Waldo Street Police Station is a major public building of unusually high architectural quality.

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

Worcester Historical Society. Biographical file (Clemence obit)  
Architecture notecards of Harriette Forbes.  
Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. I, p. 446 (illus.)

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

**HISTORIAN**  
Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10-30-79

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. DOUBLE

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**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~~ <sup>both</sup> 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**  
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of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Pledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD - 11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Recommend listing all <sup>now</sup> properties except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~hold it~~ <sup>to discuss further</sup> w/NR staff + state. DOUBLE  
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; DOUBLE  
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 & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldha  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.5.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_ SEE 3/13/80 REPORT



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160-CBD-27

Waldo Street Police Station

Waldo St.

Worcester MRA, Ma

west + south elev.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304