

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Stoneham
Address Main ^{and} at Maple ~~St~~ St.
Historic Name Stoneham Public Library
Original Owner: Town of Stoneham
Present Owner: Town of Stoneham

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Use: Present Library
Original Library

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1904; 1931; 1983

Source Town histories, records

Style Classical Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) Addition
extending structure, 1931; further enlarged
by addition of wing, south elevation, 1983.

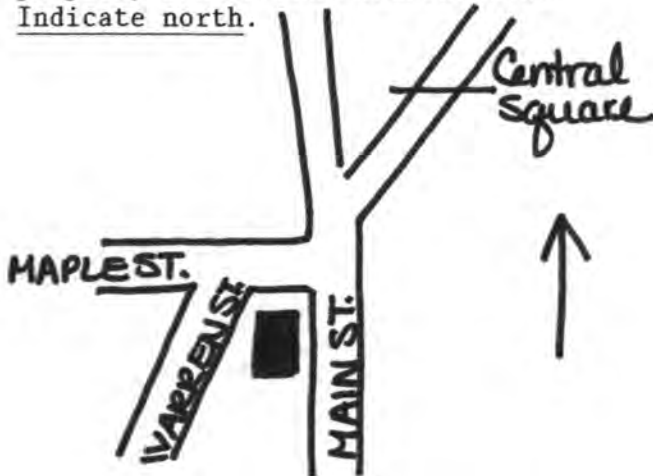
Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 10,633 sq. ft.

Setting Main Street; mixed commercial,
residential zone.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979

Assessor's Map #18-302,301

UTM: Boston North Quad
19 327280 4704730

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Stoneham Public Library is the town's best example of a public building in the Classical Revival style. The one-story, one-bay deep, Roman brick building has a five-bay facade containing two Doric entrance porticoes and paired 1/1 sash with ornamental grillework. It is capped by an asphalt shingled hip roof featuring a central domed cupola with Doric columns. As originally built in 1904, the design consisted of a three-bay wide by one-bay deep plan with a single central entry. In 1931, the plan was extended by two bays, one of which contains the second entrance. At that time, the cupola also was added. The library was further enlarged in 1983 by a wing on the south elevation; the 1983 addition retains the one-story height of the earlier building and is constructed of the same Roman brick, but is modern in design.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Stoneham Public Library possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association; it is significant as Stoneham's best Classical Revival style public building, for its long-term associations with the Stoneham Public Library and for its associations with the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, which endowed the original \$15,000 building, and with Stoneham's Brown family, prominent in the town's tanning industry, who donated \$100,000 for the 1931 enlargement of the building. It meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Miss Annie Brown, the 1931 donor, was the daughter of Charles Brown, a prominent leather tanner and a granddaughter of William Tidd, owner of the Tidd Tannery.

The Stoneham Public Library was founded in 1859, building on the collection of several private libraries. Leading citizens advocated the creation of the library, including the Dike, Hill, and Hurd families. The library occupied several locations in Central Square prior to construction of this facility, including portions of the Dow Building (#46).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

W. Stevens, History of Stoneham, p. 157.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

53. Oddfellows Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

54. Old Burying Ground

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

55. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Paula Ann Dwyer 4/13/84

Attest

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

58. Stoneham Firestation

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

59. Stoneham Public Library

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

60. Tay, Jesse, House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stoneham Public Library (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ACCEPT 4-13-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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

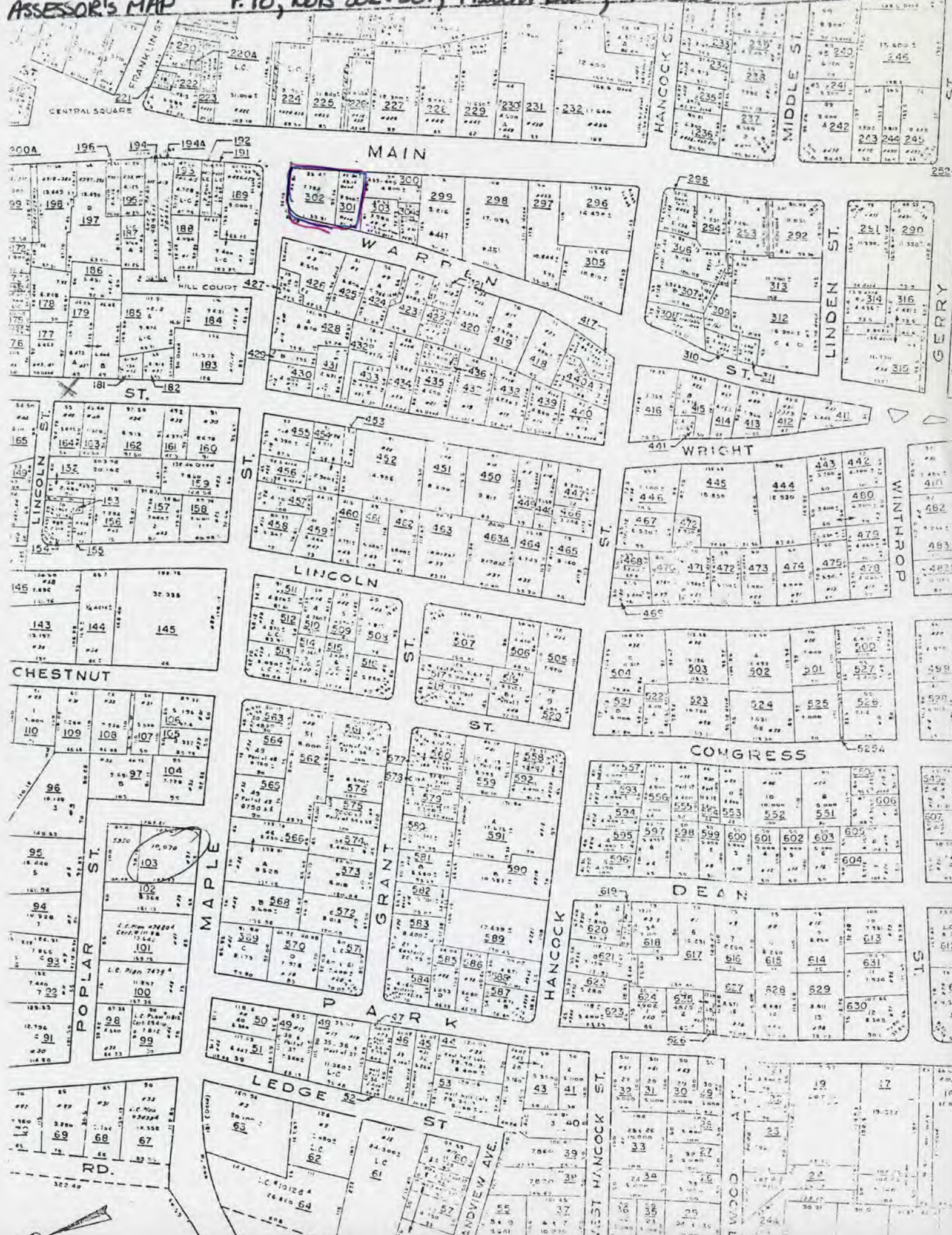
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Stonham Public Library
Stonham MRA, Ma

8120



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000295