

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. NW CAMB.	Form no. NWC IID4
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1. Town Cambridge

Address 113 Garden Street

Name Taylor Square Firehouse

Present use firehouse

Present owner City of Cambridge

3. Description:

Date 1904

Source city records

Style neo-Moorish

Architect Charles Greco

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features incorporates diverse styles; tower and boldly projecting cornice have great scalloped wooden brackets; patterned brickwork of parapet.

Altered No Date -----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre

Approximate frontage 160 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

0 feet

6. Recorded by Bainbridge Bunting

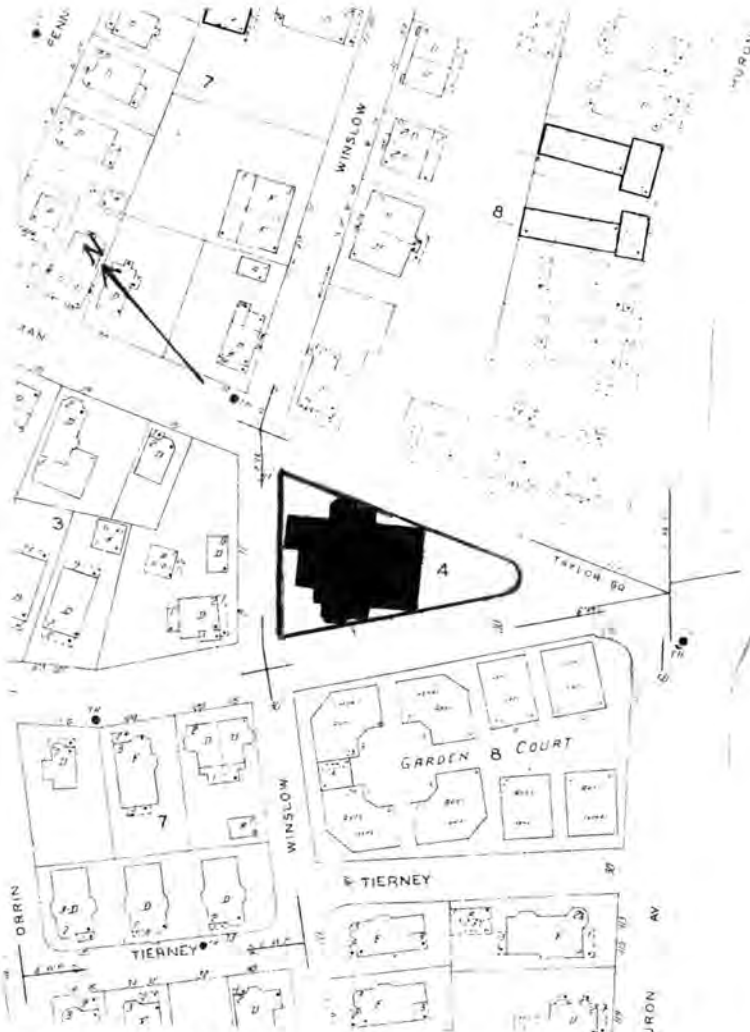
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1965

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number 1099-14

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



7. Original owner (if known) City of Cambridge

Original use firehouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>xx</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>xx</u>				

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

The Taylor Square Fire House was designed in 1904 by Charles Greco, a prolific local architect whose other area commissions include the Main Post Office in Cambridge (1932) and numerous residences and schools.

The firehouse occupies a triangular lot. The functional design incorporates elements of several exotic styles within a standard plan. The tower and boldly projecting cornice feature wooden brackets, related somewhat to the California Bungalow style, while the patterned brick work of the parapet and the Neo-Moorish arches of the engine bays provide additional unusual detail. The building is one of six firehouses built within a few years of each other at the turn of the century. All were executed by different architects, and the Taylor Square station is the most accomplished of the group. For this reason, only this fire station is being nominated.

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

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area

State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

141. Taylor Square Firehouse

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

Attest

142. Aborn, John, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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143. Hews Pottery Company Carriage House

✓ Keeper

Rev. 4/13/82

Attest

144. Walden Street Cattle Tunnel

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145. Slowey, Patrick, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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146. Fresh Pond Hotel

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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147. McLean, Isaac, House

✓ Keeper

William H. Bracham 4.13.82

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148. Billings, Frederick, House

✓ Keeper

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149. Farwell, R. H., House

Substantive Review

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150. St. John's Roman Catholic Church

✓ Keeper

Therese M. Dwyer 6.30.82

Attest

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Taylor Square Firehouse  
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)  
State, County: MA Middlesex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 11-14-80-2862  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 4-17-82  
Action:  ACCEPT 4/13/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

photos 1  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

### Reviewer's comments:

~~Eligible as firehouse~~ ~~eligible~~  
Eligible as firehouse -  
significant as set of surviving  
examples -

Recom./Criteria ASC  
Reviewer Bratham  
Discipline 4.13.82  
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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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## 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

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

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

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Andrew

Signed Bravham Date 3.5.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Cambridge MRA, Ma

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Taylor Square Firehouse

113 Garden St.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275