

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ****** Central Fire Station

AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
40 Pleasant Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
11th

CITY, TOWN
Brockton VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts CODE 02401 COUNTY Plymouth CODE 023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Fire Station

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Brockton Fire Department

STREET & NUMBER
40 Pleasant Street

CITY, TOWN
Brockton VICINITY OF

STATE
Massachusetts, 02401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Russell Street

CITY, TOWN
Plymouth

STATE
Massachusetts, 02360

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE
1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN
Boston

STATE
Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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

Central Fire Station is located on Pleasant Street in downtown Brockton in a mixed commercial/residential area. The exterior of the building has changed little since its construction in 1884. The 3 story, Mansard roof structure is of red brick with a granite foundation. Fenestration is tall narrow windows of either 1/1 or 2/2. A corbelled brick table encircles the building beneath the slate roof.

The symmetrical facade faces north toward Pleasant Street. It is dominated by a central projecting pavilion; the first story of this is dominated by two engine bays whose 5x6 panel wooden doors are painted green and white. The second and third horizontal bands of panels at the top of the doors are glass. The doors are topped by a plain frieze and molded cornice supported by end brackets. Above each door is a group of 3 half windows with granite lintels and sills. At the center of these window groupings is a raised granite plaque noting the date of the building's erection. The third story has three decorative dormers painted green. The center dormer is composed of paired 1/1 windows. This is flanked by the 2/2 window dormers on either side. All three are framed by molded architraves and headed by a wide, projecting, molded entablature. The narrow east and west elevations of the pavillion each contain a tall wooden door headed by a 2/2 window on the second story.

Flanking the center pavillion is the main body of the building. Both the eastern and western facade ends have an engine bay identical to those in the projection. These bays are topped by two 2/2 windows on the second story and by a single 2/2 dormer window in the roof. The five bay deep east and west elevations have five segmentally arched 2/2 windows on each story, and three dormers identical to those on the facade. These dormers are flanked by tall chimneys with molded brick ornament on either side.

The rear (southern) portion of the roof shows the square, flat roofed uppermost portion of the hose drying tower. This structure was originally decorated with ornate brackets and had a peaked roof. It contained a bell which was used as the fire alarm.

A small one story wing which houses offices and equipment was added to the west elevation at some unknown time.

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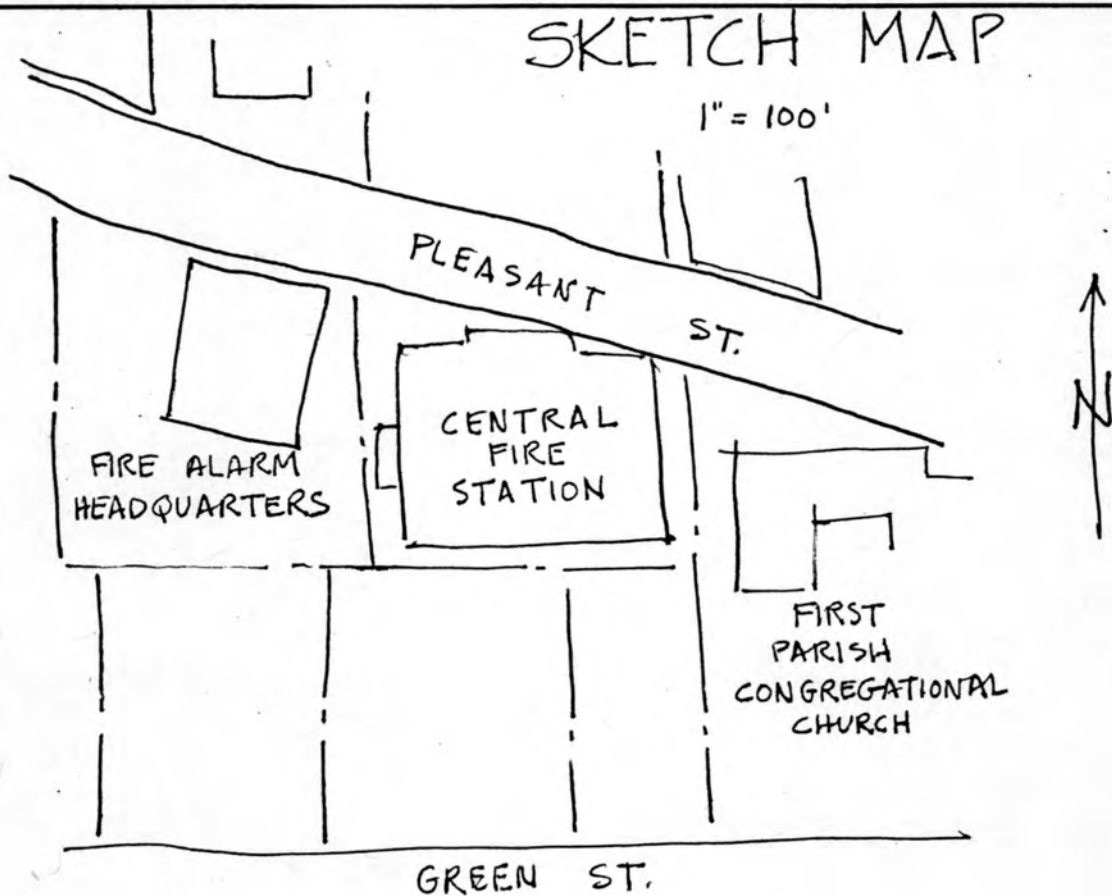
CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

PAGE

SKETCH MAP

1" = 100'



Central Fire Station
Brockton, Massachusetts
Sketch Map
Scale: 1"=100'
1968 Sanborn Insurance Maps

Property Central Fire Station

State Massachusetts Working Number 6.13.77.938

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

pl
OK 6.14.77

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
7.14.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I think the only 2nd Empire Fire Station I know of

Accept
Lebowich
7/14/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

Does structure retain original electrical wiring? If not, it is of little significance within the context of industrial archeology. Photos are of very poor quality. To HAER for inventory - see #8

HAER

Inventory _____
Review 7/15/77
Donald Jackson

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
7.19.77

BRANCH CHIEF

[Signature]
7.22.77

KEEPER

[Signature]
7/28

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 9.6.77

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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INT:2106-74



FIRE STATION
1886

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NO PARKING

Central Fire Station
Brockton, Massachusetts
October, 1976

JUN 13 1977

John R. Wilson

Office of the City Planner

City Hall, Brockton, Mass. 02401

Photo #182

North facade and East elevation.

Plymouth County

JUL 25 1977

Photo #1

View from NE

showing front & left sides

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



ERECTED
A.D. 1864

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Central Fire Station
Brockton, Massachusetts
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JUN 13 1977

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City Hall, Brockton, Mass.

Photo #2 of 2

North facade and west elevation.

Plymouth County

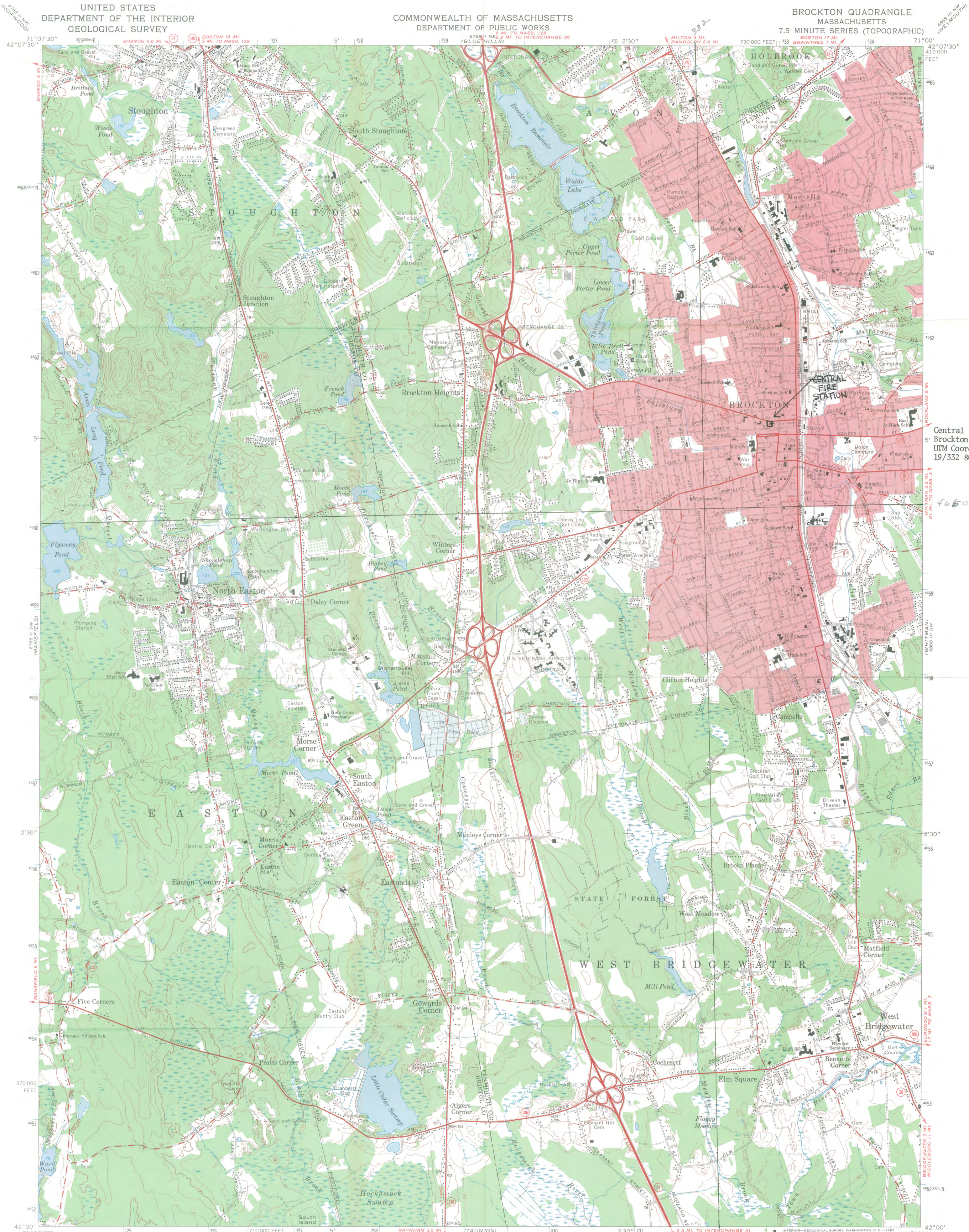
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Photo #2

view from NW

showing front + right sides

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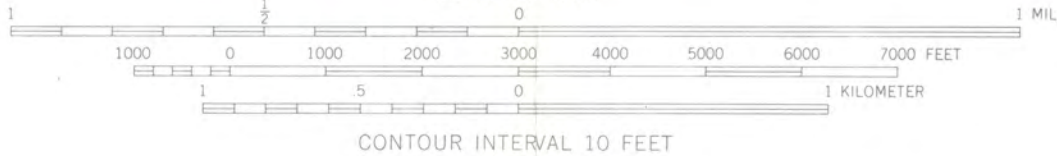


Central Fire Station
Brockton, Massachusetts
UTM Coordinates:
19/332 800/4660 990
999

JUL 25 1977

4650

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planetable surveys 1936. Revised 1963
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



BROCKTON, MASS.
N4200—W7100/7.5
1963
AMS 6768 II SE—SERIES B814

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 25 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Central Fire Station	Brockton Plymouth County
Snow Fountain and Clock	Brockton Plymouth County
Kingman, Gardner J., House	Brockton Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. James A. Burke
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

July 16, 1980

Plymouth

Mr. Andrew E. Kauders
Special Assistant for the Environment
Economic Development Administration
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Kauders:

We have received your letter of June 26, 1980, in which you determined that proposed Economic Development Administration energy conservation improvements would have no adverse effect on the "City Hall Annex and Administration Building" (Old Post Office) and the "Central Fire Station," Brockton, Massachusetts. Both properties are included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director objects to your determination because your proposed grant condition does not provide a method of resolving disagreement between the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the applicant, should they be unable to agree on final project plans.

Pursuant to Section 800.6(a)(2) of the Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800), the Executive Director will withdraw this objection if the following condition is included in the grant offer.

Prior to the commencement of rehabilitation activities, the Grantee agrees to provide evidence satisfactory to the Government that the SHPO has had the opportunity to review and comment upon the final plans and specifications for the "City Hall Annex and Administration Building" (Old Post Office Building), and the "Central Fire Station." If, after review of the plans, the SHPO is of the opinion that the project will adversely affect the resources, the matter will be referred to EDA for application of the Council regulations as appropriate.

If you agree to this condition, please sign on the concurrence line below and return this letter to us. This will then be incorporated into your determination and the Executive Director will withdraw his objection to your determination of no adverse effect.

In accordance with Section 800.9 of the Council's regulations, a copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be included in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

for Sharon Conway

Jordan E. Tannenbaum
Chief, Eastern Division of
Project Review

I concur:

_____ date _____

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

July 31, 1980

Mr. Andrew E. Kauders
Special Assistant for the Environment
Economic Development Administration
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Plymouth Co

Dear Mr. Kauders:

On July 29, 1980, we received the concurrence to the condition for your determination that the proposed Economic Development Administration energy conservation improvements would not adversely affect the "City Hall Annex and Administration Building" (Old Post Office) and the "Central Fire Station," Brockton, Massachusetts, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of that letter is enclosed. As you agree to this condition, the Executive Director does not object to your determination of no adverse effect.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jordan E. Tannenbaum
Chief, Eastern Division of
Project Review

Enclosure

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Central Fire Station
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: JUL 25 1977
 ④ county code: 23

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 40 Pleasant St.
 city / town: Brockton
 vicinity of:
 state: MA
 county: Plymouth
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NA

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS NABS NAER NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 11th
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: .3
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
 excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed
 unexcavated
 altered
 unaltered
 reconstructed
 excavated
 original site
 moved
 unknown
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4
 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-5
 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-8

⑱ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1
 AGRICULTURE-3
 ARCHITECTURE-4
 ART-5
 COMMERCE-6
 COMMUNICATIONS-7
 CONSERVATION-8
 ECONOMICS-9
 EDUCATION-10
 ENGINEERING-11
 ENTERTAINMENT-26
 EXPLORATION-12
 HEALTH-27
 INDUSTRY-13
 INVENTION-14
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15
 LAW-16
 LITERATURE-17
 MILITARY-18
 MUSIC-19
 PHILOSOPHY-20
 POLITICS/GOVT.-21
 RELIGION-22
 SCIENCE-23
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24
 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 TRANSPORTATION-25
 RECREATION-28
 SETTLEMENT-29
 URBAN PLANNING-31
 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction: 1884
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect: WALDO V. HOLMES
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect/garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
One of Brockton's best example of 2nd Empire and the first three wire underground electric distribution system in the country and Central Fire station has the first electrically illuminated fire station in the nation.
Brick, 3 story, rectangular, mansard, central projection, corbelled cornice, 4 garage towers, rear water hose tower