

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

166-A

ref no 80000487

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 526-534 Cambridge Street
Name Cambridge Street Firehouse
Present use fire station

Present owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1886

Source City Documents

Style Queen Anne

Architect Fuller & Delano

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features sandstone trim, tri-
partite arched windows with carved
capitals set in gable, tower at
rear

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 7, p.37
Lot 6 6,182 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

Roll 23

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

UTM
19/268200/4680470

(over)

City of Worcester

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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>X</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>X</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

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

The Cambridge Street Firehouse is a two-storey brick building with a three-storey tower at its southeast corner and a one-storey wing at its northeast corner. The main body of the building is rectangular in plan with a slate-covered hip roof. The facade (north) rises from a base of rock-faced granite laid in a broken course and contains a rectangular opening framing the two pairs of doors which provide entrance for the engines; above these doors is a tripartite window with arched transoms. Centered at the facade's roof line is a decorative gable with sandstone coping and finials. Side walls of the building are largely undecorated, except for the rear tower which rises to paired arched windows, a projecting brick cornice, paired arched openings with vents and a high hip roof. With the exception of some modern re-painting, the Cambridge Street Firehouse is unaltered.

Nearly identical to the Woodland Street Firehouse (Form #141-LL) which was also designed by Fuller and Delano in 1886, the Cambridge Street Firehouse was built to serve South Worcester, an area which experienced rapid industrial and residential growth during the 1880s and 1890s, much of which was brought about by the expansion of the Whittall Carpet Mills (Form #177-D-1).

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

City Document #41, year ending 11/30/1886, Auditor's Report, pp. 56-57.

Sanitary Engineer, vol. XIII, 5/27/1886, p. 624 (building notice)

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 & 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). ^{Historian} Call/Accept
^{Lightner} 10-30-79
opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.
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. ^{Architectural Historian} DOBIE

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~~ ^{both} 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

Accept
AKC/DOBIE
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Kledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 10 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - Does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~was~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

but believe they could be OK. ~~based~~ ^{based}

on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{in NR staff + State.} ^{DOBIE}
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction; 3/5/80
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State DOBIE

BRANCH CHIEF

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

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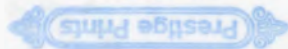
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____





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Cambridge St. Firehouse

166-A

Worcester, MA, MA

526-534

Cambridge St

East & north
elevations

AUG 1978

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304