

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

166-D

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

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress foot of South Ward Street
*Ward Street School - Millbury Street*Name Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4Present use schoolhousePresent owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1898-1899Source City documentsStyle elements of Romanesque RevivalArchitect J. W. PatstonExterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features slate-covered hip roof,
granite base, central pavilion with
gable, arched entries, rock-faced
sandstone trimAltered no Date _____Moved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 5, p. 29
Lot 4--46,974 sq. ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 40' on S. Ward St.

Approximate distance of building from street

75'6. Recorded by B. R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date April 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

Original use grammar school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

Built at a cost of approximately \$13,000 in 1898-1899, the Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is a two and one-half storey structure, built of red brick and rising from a rock-faced granite basement to a slate-covered hip roof. The building's symmetrical facade is dominated by a gabled central pavilion with two arched entries. Trim of the building consists of a rock-faced sandstone water table, sandstone sills and carved sandstone springer blocks at the entires. At present, the building is unaltered.

Built shortly after the Woodland Street School (1897, now altered) to which it was identical, the Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is the best example of a group of similar schoolhouses built throughout the city. The Millbury Street Schoolhouse #4 is the last of four school buildings built on its lot between the early 1880s and 1899, a period during which the surrounding neighborhoods became densely developed with three-deckers. Highway construction and subsequent decreases in neighborhood population led to the demolitions of the sites' first three schoolhouses, leaving only the present structure.

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

City Document #53. Report of Superintendant of Public Buildings, p. 9.

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} DOUBLE

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 bps 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
AK/2/28/80
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. ~~Acres~~ ^{Acres} was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 16 CBD-11

Review _____

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

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

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend ^{now} listing all properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + State. ^{DOUBLE} 3/5/80
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
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 & clean 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 _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



Worcester, Mass.

166-D 30

Ward St. School - Millbury St.

Foot of South
Ward St.
North & West side

AUG 1973

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304