

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

155-H

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

Roll 25

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 100 Providence StreetName Providence Street Fire HousePresent use fire stationPresent owner City of Worcester

3. Description:

Date 1899-1900Source City DocumentsStyle Classical RevivalArchitect Earle & FisherExterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features tower, slate roof,heavy classical sandstone trimaround door and windowsAltered trim ? Date _____Moved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 5, p, 37
Lot 32 5,000 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'6. Recorded by S. Lee
ed. B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date February 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Worcester

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/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

The Providence Street Firehouse is a two-and-one-half storey brick building with a rectangular floor plan and square-plan tower on its north wall. Although its scale and plan are similar to other firehouses of the period, the Providence Street Firehouse is unusual for its heavy (Beaux Arts) classical trim, particularly its entry set in an eared architrave with rosettes and a pediment. Second storey windows retain original sash and are set in heavy sandstone architraves. Recently restored, the Providence Street Firehouse is in excellent condition.

Built to serve the residential areas with which Union Hill was developed in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Providence Street Firehouse was designed for the city's Hose Company No.8, which had been formed around 1876.

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

City Document #54, year ending 11/30/1899, Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, p. 8.

Engineering Record, vol. XL, 6/3/1899, p.21; vol. XL, 6/17/1899, p.65
(building notices)

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 bays 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
AKK 12/24/80
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Preamble 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 - 116 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~~

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~~ w/NR staff + State. DOBIE

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

3/5/80
DOBIE

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 (listing from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____

SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



155-H ³⁰ AUG 1979
Providence St. Firch^{house}
100 Providence
Worcester MRA, Ma St
west & north
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304