

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.27
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Concord Central Fire Station #1
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	22-28 Walden St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Concord Center
<b>Local No:</b>	H9-829
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1904
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Lovell
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Commercial Block; Fire House; Restaurant
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Community Planning; Politics Government
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (03/12/1962)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Wall: Brick; Sandstone; Wood Foundation: Brick; Granite



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

H9-829

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Town

CONCORD

SECT B

neighborhood or village)

Concord Center

22-28 Walden Street

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Concord Fire Station  
ic Name Central Fire Station; Sta. #1  
commercial

Present

fire station

Original

f Construction 1904

Town Reports

Form

Col. Revival/utilitarian

ect/Builder

unknown

Lowell

Exterior Material:

brick and granite

Foundation

brick

Wall/Trim

Roof

(not visible)

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates)

facade altered for storefronts--mid-  
20th century; roof parapet removed;  
some side window openings bricked up

Condition

fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

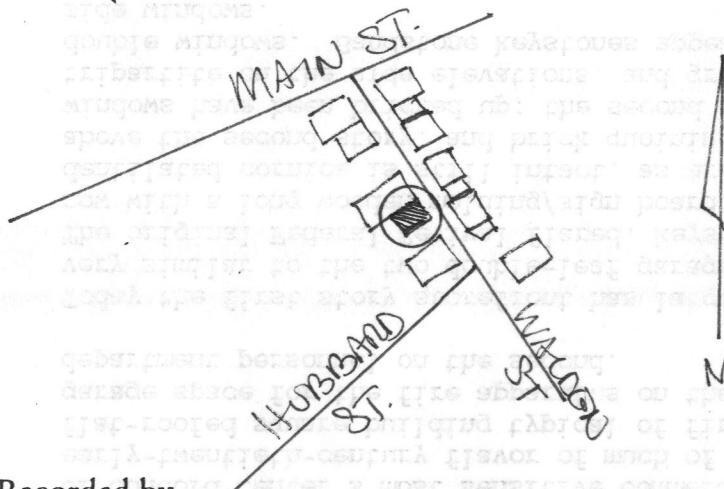
Acreage less than one acre

Setting

In commercial district,  
in line of 19th-early 20th-century  
commercial, municipal and institu-  
tional buildings of varying design.

## Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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Organization

for Concord Hist. Commission

Date (month/day/year)

July, 1992

CON. 27

# BUILDING FORM

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

A handsome utilitarian brick building with Colonial Revival accents, this structure, one of Concord center's most sensitive commercial adaptations, contributes to the early-twentieth-century flavor of much of lower Walden Street. It is a two-story flat-roofed square building typical of fire stations of its era, originally built with garage space for the fire apparatus on the first floor, and rooms for the fire department personnel on the second.

Today the first story storefront has large multi-light glass-and-panel entries that are very similar to the two double-leaf garage doors that once nearly filled the facade. The original Federal Revival flared, keystone brick and sandstone door lintels remain, now with a long wooden molding/sign board below. Although the roof parapet is gone, its dentilated cornice is still intact, as are a second molded course across the facade above the second story, and brick quoining at the facade corners. The first story side windows have been bricked up; the second story windows are primarily 6-over-6-sash, tripartite on the side elevations, and grouped on the facade as a triple flanked by two double windows. Sandstone keystones appear again in the flared brick lintels of the side windows.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The Central Fire Station was constructed by the town in 1904 as a new larger fire house for all the fire apparatus for the town center. It replaced two older facilities, Engine House #1 (still standing today at #9-11 Independence Court), and an 1893 hose house on the east side of Thoreau Street between Sudbury and Middle Streets. Stalls for the fire department horses were located in a separate building at the rear of the property.

Beginning in 1914, for many years the fire department had only one permanent employee, (the first was Roy Bass,) and the main force consisted of twenty volunteer "call men." The town purchased its first piece of motorized equipment in 1910.

In the middle of this century the town built a combined fire and police station further south on Walden Street just outside the town center, and #22-28 was sold for private development. Among its present tenants are a restaurant, liquor store, and hairdresser.

To make way for this building, a ca. 1870 house formerly belonging to George Bra-brook was moved back to face Hubbard Street, where it was the first house on the street for many years. It was later torn down to make way for the post office.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Keyes/Tolman.

Concord directories.

Maps and atlases: 1906; Sanborn maps from 1909.

Street list, Main Street Historic District.

Strawberries and Streetcars.

- ☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town

Property Address

Concord 22-28 Walden St

Area(s)

Form No.

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BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT—DISTRICT POLICE

PLAN RECORD

CASE	B	RACK	2	APART.	34	NO.	6551
BUILDING	Central Fire Station					STORIES	2B
CITY OR TOWN	Concord					STREET	
TO BE USED FOR	Fire Apparatus					CLASS	Misc
OWNER	Town of Concord					Bldg	
ARCHITECT	Lovell					Wood	

CERTIFICATE APPROVAL—SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS—REFERRED

DATE Feb. 15, 1904

INSPECTOR Bardwell

FORM 41. 10,000. 2-2-18.