

NHDHR Inventory # P-43 CODE

NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES - INVENTORY FORM

Included in Area P-A

Town/City Concord (Penacook)

County Merrimack

Address 3 Merrimack Street

Current Owner _____

Property Name Penacook Police Station

Acreage less than 1

Tax Map/Parcel # P1-9-4

UTM ref. See area form

USGS Quadrangle Penacook scale 1:24000

Use: present Library SCH

Original Police Station gcf

Exterior building materials:		
Roof:	Walls:	
unknown	UNK brick	BRI
Foundation:	Chimney:	
brick	BRI brick	BRI
# of stories:	Roof Shape:	
2	flat	
Chimney location:	Entry location:	
	center	
Window type:	Plan configuration:	
1/1		

Major alterations w/dates handicap ramp firestair on rear (ca. 1960)

Condition <u>GOOD</u>	Outbuildings:

Setting: CBD

Architect/Builder unknown

source _____

Original construction date 1900

source Brown p. 198
[N] multiple buildings campaigns (see back)

Style Romanesque LVR

Moved _____ date ____ / ____ / ____

Surveyor Elizabeth D. Hengen

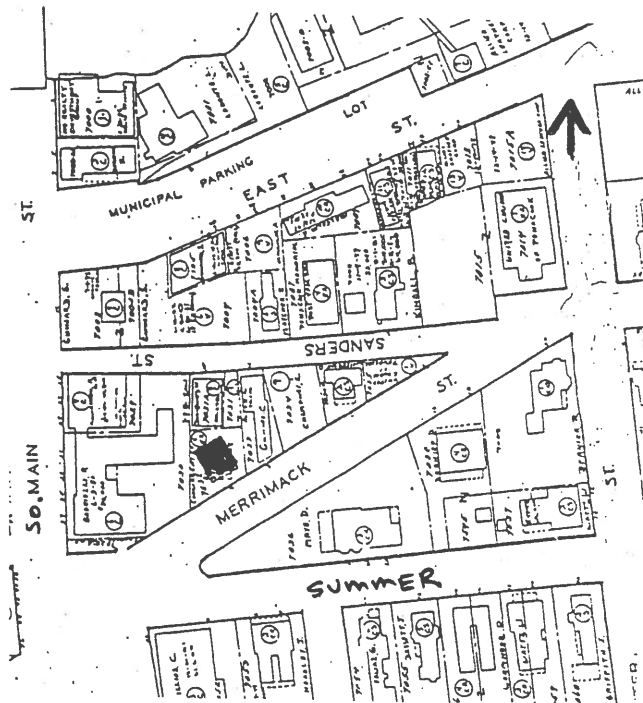
Recorded by Kari Federer

Date of field survey 6/7/90



Photograph date: 6/7/90
Roll# 2 Frame # 18a
Negative stored at: Heritage Concord

Property map indicate north with arrow



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPARATIVE EVALUATION:

see continuation sheet

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND ROLE IN TOWN'S/CITY'S DEVELOPMENT:

see continuation sheet

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

C - as one of the only Romanesque style buildings in Penacook and as a well preserved example of turn of the century brick municipal architecture

STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY:

This property possesses integrity in the location, design, setting, materials, and feeling

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES:

City directories; Historic maps and Atlases
Brown pp. 198-199
Concord Annual Report 1899 p. 339

APPLICABLE HISTORIC CONTEXT(S) with code:

SHPO use:	Evaluation	Surveyor	SHPO
NR Yes ___ No ___	Integrity	yes <u>X</u> no ___	yes ___ no ___
R&C Yes ___ No ___	NR Criteria	A ___	A ___
PTI Yes ___ No ___		B ___	B ___
S&P Yes ___ No ___		C <u>X</u>	C ___
A&D Yes ___ No ___		D ___	D ___
CLS Yes ___ No ___	NR listed: individual	___	___
Intensive need Yes ___ No ___	within district	___	___
Intensive done Yes ___ No ___	Determined NR eligible (DOE):	___	___
Comments: _____	individual	___	___
_____	within district	___	___
_____	Potentially NR eligible	___	___
Approved by _____	individual	<u>X</u>	___
Date _____	within district	<u>X</u>	___
Recorded _____	Not Eligible	___	___
	Unknown - more information needed	___	___

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPARATIVE EVALUATION:

The former Police Station is one of three distinctive public buildings in Penacook Village erected in the late 19th century. Its Romanesque stylistic characteristics are evident in the arched entrance and adjacent window (which cleverly reveals the interior stair railing). Other noteworthy features include granite lintels, sills, arches, and name plate; corbeled and paneled chimney; decorative brickwork near the top of the walls and a row of corbels at the eaves. Window openings are paired and share lintels and sills.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND and role in Town's/City's development:

Other small buildings stood on the site of the Police Station since Penacook's earliest years, but at the end of the 19th century the site stood vacant. At that time, it was determined that the existing police station in Penacook was in such unsanitary condition that it was detrimental to the health of anyone confined there. In 1899, it was recommended that a new station be built and this was carried out in the following year.

The second floor served as a meeting hall for the Grand Army Republic and the city provided the hall free of expense to the Post and Relief Corps.

By the 1950's, the police department used only the basement of the building and the first floor stood vacant. Soon the Penacook branch of the Concord Public Library moved in and remains there today. The police department and Grand Army Republic used the building on a smaller scale into the late 1970's. Though the actual use has changed this building continues to fill a public need in Penacook.