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FORM B - BUILDING

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

1. Town Brookline

ess 32 Pierce Street

Pierce Primary School

ent use public school

Pl - BROOK VILLAGE

ent owner Town of Brookline

ription: ORIGINAL building (1855) - 1855
1904 - enlarged

urce - Wheaton Holden Exhibition of Northeastern 1975
- Published in American Architect and Building News, 1905

Colonial Revival (Georgian-Rev)
ORIGINAL form - Italianate structure

tect Julius A. Schweinfurth (1858 - 1931)

Exterior wall fabric Red brick with wood & limestone trim

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Bldg reflects Schweinfurth's interest in symmetrical design; focal point is giant pilaster order between pedimented and rusticated wall projection at center of facade.

Altered Enlarged Date 1904

Moved — Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ✓

Approximate frontage 450'

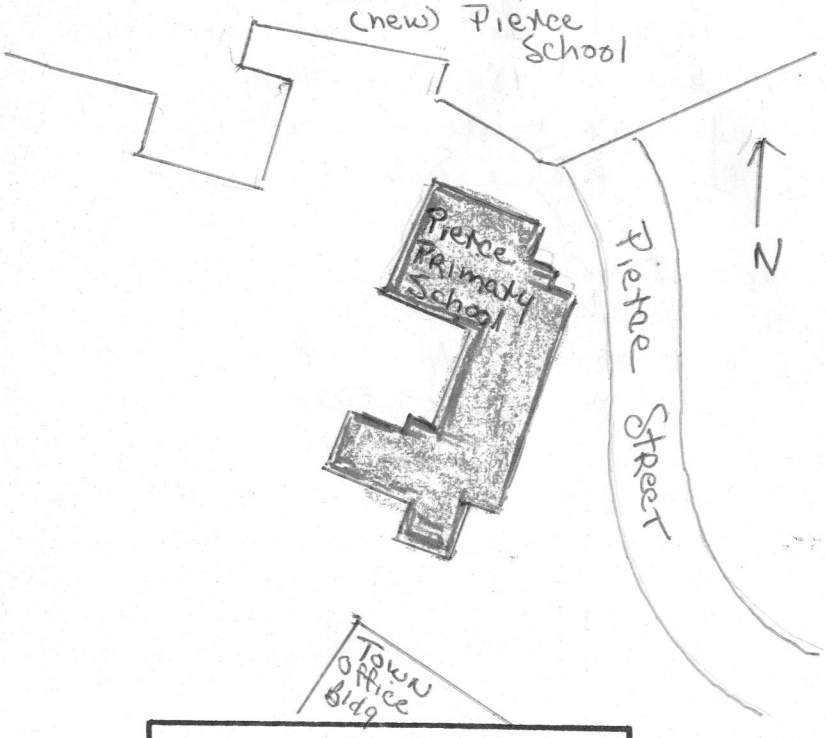
Approximate distance of building from street 25'

6. Recorded by Nancy A. Smith

Organization Brookline Historical Com

Date July 1976

In relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) Town of Brookline

Original use School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Primary school

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Following the construction of the Pierce Schools in Brookline, Schweinfurth established himself as a recognized designer of school buildings — did many. (Schweinfurth also designed the Brookline Police Station, built in 1901, now demolished.)

A plaque on the school reads "1855 AD – 1904" which suggests that Schweinfurth's building is one chapter in the history of the Pierce School in Brookline.

The Pierce School is located in the municipal services part of the town, surrounded by the Brookline Town Hall, Library, nearby Police and Court and the Health Center. Although many of these Town buildings were once 19th C they have been replaced with modern buildings. Hence the Pierce School is now one of the older buildings in the area.

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

1) Exhibition catalog written by Stephen Neitz & edited by Wheaton Holden, "Julius A. Schweinfurth, Master Designer 1858 – 1931". (Northeastern University 1975)

2) American Architect & Building News, 1905 (July 22, 1905)

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Town: Brookline

Property Address: Pierce St.

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
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BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT—DISTRICT POLICE

PLAN RECORD

CASE A RACK 2 APART. 13 NO. 4047

BUILDING Pierce Grammar School. STORIES 3B

CITY OR TOWN Brookline. STREET School & Prospect.

TO BE USED FOR School Purposes. CLASS School Brick.

OWNER Town of Brookline.

ARCHITECT J. A. Schweinfurth.

CERTIFICATE APPROVAL—SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS—REFERRED

DATE Aug. 20-22/ 98

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