

NHDHR Inventory # P-43

CODE

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
Foundation:	Chimney:
brick	brick
# 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 GOOD

Outbuildings:

Setting: CBD

Architect/Builder unknown

source

Original construction date 1900

source Brown p. 198

[N] multiple buildings campaigns (see back)

Style Romanesque

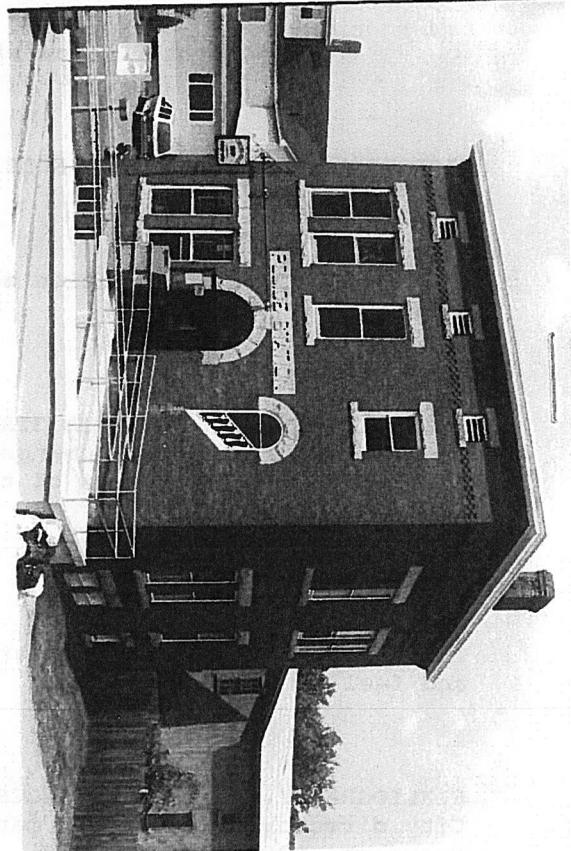
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Surveyor Elizabeth D. Hengen

Recorded by Kari Federer

Date of field survey 6/7/90

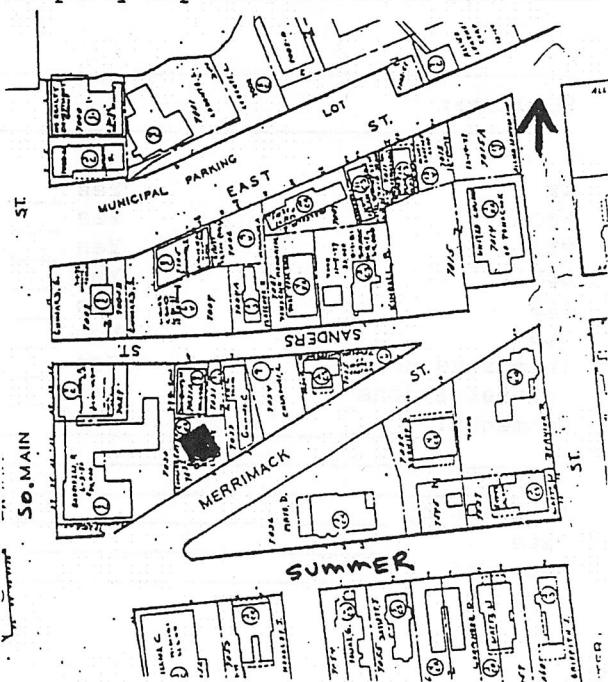
NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL
RESOURCES - INVENTORY FORM

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Property map indicate north with arrow



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Continuation sheet used: yes no

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:

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Intensive done	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
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Approved by			
Date			
Recorded			
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	NR listed: individual within district		
	Determined NR eligible (DOE): individual within district		
	Potentially NR eligible individual within district	X <input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/>
	Not Eligible		
	Unknown - more information needed		

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 fire 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.