

CHARLES STREET JAIL COMPLEX, KITCHEN  
(Suffolk County Jail, Kitchen)  
215 Charles Street  
Boston  
Suffolk County  
Massachusetts

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- Location: 215 Charles Street (northeast corner of Charles and Cambridge Streets)  
Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
- USGS Boston South Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
19.329520.4691820
- Significance: Utilitarian structure built to support the Charles Street Jail. It has lesser significance as a later, altered and rebuilt component of the jail complex.
- Description: The single-story red-brick structure extends only six feet above grade. Its east elevation (only exposed elevation) is accentuated by six rectangular three-light windows located in front of original wooden sash. The cylindrical red-brick chimney extends above adjoining wings of the jail. Its interior is predominantly white glazed-brick walls with painted plaster ceilings and mastic coated floors.
- History: The original addition, built in 1878, was described as containing steam boilers and a kitchen. The addition replaced the original kitchen located in the rotunda of the jail. This structure was enlarged and extensively renovated or rebuilt in 1901-1902 in conjunction with the extension of the north wing.
- Source: City of Boston, City Document No. 106, December 1878, p. 2. 1902 Site Plan, Atlas of the City of Boston, Boston Proper and Back Bay, G. W. and Walter S. Bromley. Published by G. W. Bromley and Co., 1902.
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