

CHARLES STREET JAIL COMPLEX, LAUNDRY  
(Suffolk County Jail, Laundry)  
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: This utilitarian structure was built to  
support the Charles Street Jail. It has  
lesser significance as a later component  
of the jail complex.

Description: The red brick structure extends only six  
feet above grade. It adjoins the kitchen  
to the south, the jail to the west and the  
enclosing wall to the north with only the  
east elevation exposed. The windows are  
inward opening, six-light, wood casements.  
The interior is primarily white glazed-  
brick with plaster ceilings and concrete  
floors.

History: The addition was built in 1901-02 in  
conjunction with the extension of the  
north wing of the jail.

Source: City of Boston, City Document No. 106,  
December 1878, p. 2.  
1902 Site Plan, Atlas of the City of  
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