

CHARLES STREET JAIL COMPLEX, RECEIVING AND OFFICES
(Suffolk County Jail, Receiving and Offices)
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 building was built to
support the north wing (women's) extension
which is connected to the main jail. It
functioned as a virtually independent
facility and has moderate significance as
a later component of the jail complex.

Description: The two-story, L-shaped masonry building
adjoins the north wing to the east, the
Fruit Street wall to the north and the
Sheriff's house to the west. The south
and partial east elevation have six-over-
six double-hung windows covered by closely
spaced bars. The spartan interior has a
sally port for receiving prisoners as well
as locker facilities for women prisoners
and offices.

History: The addition was built in 1901-02 in con-
junction 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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