

CHARLES STREET JAIL COMPLEX, SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE  
(Suffolk County Jail, Sheriff's Residence)  
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: The well proportioned Georgian Revival  
brick structure represents a very popular  
residential building style in Boston  
during the 1920's and 1930's. It is one  
of the later additions to the jail  
complex.

Description: The west (primary) elevation is  
symmetrical except for a recessed wing to  
the north. The center entrance is flanked  
on each side by two-story bay windows.  
The hipped roof has symmetrical dormers  
facing west. The interior woodwork,  
plaster moldings and cabinetry are typical  
examples representative of this period.

History: The building was constructed circa 1928.  
The designer/builder is unknown.

Source: 1928 Site Plan, Atlas of the City of  
Boston, Boston Proper and Back Bay, George  
W. and Walter S. Bromley. Published by G.  
W. Bromley and Co., 1928.

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