

CHARLES STREET JAIL COMPLEX, BOILER PLANT
(Suffolk County Jail, Boiler Plant)
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 one-story boiler plant is a
utilitarian structure which has minimal
significance as a later component of the
early Charles Street jail complex.

Description: The building adjoins the east and north
perimeter walls except that the chimney is
constructed outside the north wall. The
south and west elevations have large steel
window sash which are partially covered
with plywood. The D. M. Dillon boilers,
manufactured in Fitchburg, MA, provided
heat for the entire complex.

History: The current boiler plant is the third
heating plant for the jail. The original
boilers were replaced in 1878 by the
kitchen addition which included steam
boilers. The current boiler plant was
constructed between 1928 and 1938.

Source: 1928 Site Plan, Atlas of the City of
Boston, Boston Proper and Back Bay, George
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