

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

103-B

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 26

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town WorcesterAddress 26 Old Lincoln StreetName Bliss BuildingPresent use residentialPresent owner Lejan Realty TrustRoom 303/340 Main Street

3. Description:

Date 1888Source exterior date plaqueStyle elements of Victorian Gothic &
Queen AnneArchitect Barker & NourseExterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features floral panels, terracottachimney pots, sandstone banding,name & date plaquesAltered not significantly Date _____Moved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 1, p. 5
Lot 1, 2634 sq. ft.One acre or less X Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'6. Recorded by B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date December 1977

(over)

UTM:
19/269230/4683640

7. Original owner (if known) William H. Bliss

Original use residential apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Bliss Building is a four-storey brick block of rectangular plan. The building's facade (east) is symmetrical rising from a foundation of rock-faced sandstone to a brick and sandstone parapet which bears a name plaque. The center entry is framed by square columns with channeling and rosettes; window trim varies by storey, although all is made of rock-faced sandstone. Beginning at the top of the first storey, two brick piers divide the wall into three sections, these piers rise to terracotta ventilators above the parapet. Other decorations of the facade includes terracotta tiles (second storey) and a sandstone date plaque. Sidewalls of the Bliss Building are undecorated and were originally concealed by neighboring structures.

Located immediately north of Lincoln Square, the Bliss Building was once part of an early district of brick apartment houses built largely in the 1880s. During the twentieth century, highway construction, urban renewal and the area's residential decline have resulted in the demolition of virtually all other buildings of this type around Lincoln Square. The Bliss Building was constructed for William Bliss, the son of Harrison Bliss, both of whom were real estate developers in the Lincoln Square and downtown sections of Worcester. The Bliss Building is currently in original condition.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Sanitary Engineer, Vol. XVII, March 17, 1888, p. x (bldg. notice).

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

CONTROL

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). Division **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept Lightner
10-30-79

Concern with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and #4. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**
ARCHEOLOGIST

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bps need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ **BOTH** TECHNICALLY AND TO DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE FORMS DID NOT CONTAIN STRONG STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE THE RESOURCE CATEGORIES WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN THE BODY OF THE NOMINATION; THEREFORE SIGNIFICANCE WAS ESTABLISHED. PBDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OTHER

Accept
AKC/DAK
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. AVERAGE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory _____

Review _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend ^{now} Listing all properties except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + state.} **BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/81
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



JUN 1979



by Berkey

103-B³⁰ AUG 1979

26 Old Lincoln St.

Bless Bldg

Worcester MA

east elevation



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304