

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	29



Springfield

Address 41-43 Taylor Street

Historic Name Stacy Building (DS MFA)

Edwin S. Stacy

Present Commercial

Original Warehouse and Manufacturing

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1893

Source building permit

Style Panel Brick

Architect F.R. Richmond

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates)

none

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context: surrounded by

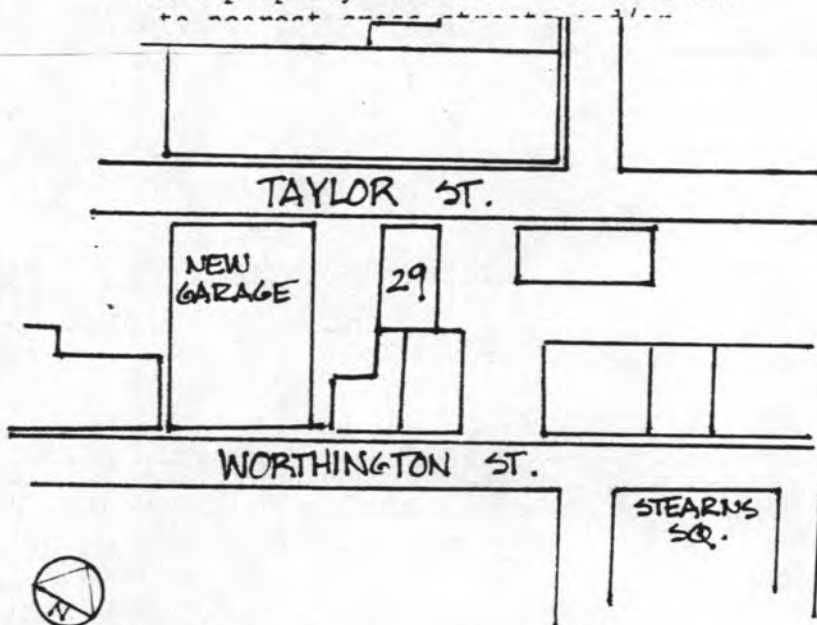
vacant lots and other buildings of the

period.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation

to nearest street



Recorded by Ed Lonergan and Ed. by Candace

Jenkins (MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date January 30, 1979

UTM Reference: 18/699020/4664010

Springfield South Quadrangle

Assessor's Map #309

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and
evaluate in terms of other buildings within community.)

The Stacy Building is a prominent four story, brick industrial block with a free standing, rectangular plan. Massive piers rise to a patterned cornice, dividing the building into single window bays. Windows are set into segmental arched openings and contain 10/10 sash; first floor windows have five pane transoms as well

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Stacy Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant for its associations with local industries, and with the prominent Stacy family; it is also a good local example of the Panel Brick style, designed by a known architect. Constructed for lease in 1893, it followed the typical Springfield pattern of renting to small, and usually growing firms. It meets criteria A, B, C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Edwin S. Stacy was engaged as a "manufacturer of, and dealer in machinery and mill supplies"¹ He established his business in Springfield in 1866. Business expanded and in 1893 he had local architect F.R. Richmond design a block for his use. Stacy's son Frank took over the business in 1911. He was president of the New England hardware Dealer's Association from 1911 to 1913 and served as mayor of Springfield from 1914 until 1918.

The upper two floors of the building were originally leased out to small manufacturing concerns. A noted occupant was J. Frank Duryea. Duryea had built and tested his first engine in the Russell shop, which was located in the block east of the Stacy building. This engine had been added to an old phaeton acquired from the Smith Carriage Co. (Area C) Afterwards, Duryea decided to build a car "with the Machinery well concealed in the body ... built with a two cylinder, two cycle motor, my gear and clutch transmission giving three speeds and reverse, this vehicle had its first test on the top floor of the E.S. Stacy building late in 1894"² Tests were promising and after the engine was converted to four cycles this was the car that J. Frank Duryea drove to win the Times - Herald race on Thanksgiving Day 1895 in Chicago. This was the first automobile race in America, and the Duryea entry was the only "American made gasoline car in the start".³

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Stacy Building (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTSWorking No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/25/82Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 12/22/82
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Eligibility under C has been shown. Association with Stacy family and business has not been shown to be locally significant. If justification under criterion A is desired, please see #8 below.

Recom. / Criteria Return
Reviewer L. M. Cleveland
Discipline A. Hook
Date 12/22/82
☐ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed belowtechnical reasons.1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no☒ 7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
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X 8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☒ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context
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- ☒ other

Architectural significance, supported by discussion in general form #8, is shown by statement's historical significance has not been justified. The significance of Stacy's business or other local contributions that can be directly associated with this building has not been shown in context of Springfield's smaller industries of late 19th - century and early 20th century. Please establish importance of the company and industry during its occupation in this building. Please record contributions of Frank Stacey and Edwin Stacey from 1893 on and identify other existing buildings locally also associated with them, if eligibility under criterion B is desired.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

X Please provide

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Site _____

Date _____

13. Other

- ____ Maps
- ____ Photographs
- ____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

L. McClure

Signed

L. McClure

Date

12/22/82

Phone:

202 272-3504

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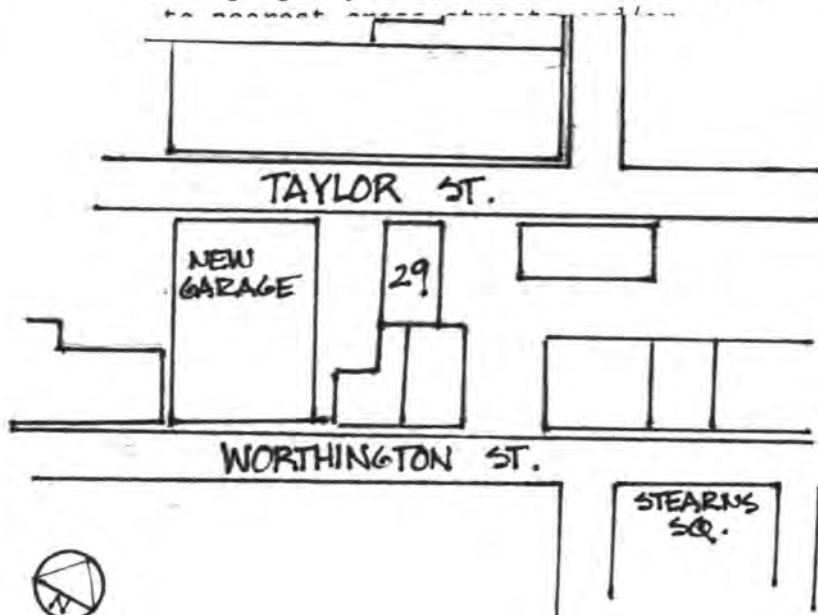
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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1-25

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Whitcomb Warehouse

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

2. Patton Building

Entered in the
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3. Patton and Loomis Block

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4. Carlton House Block

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5. Stacy Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ann M. Dwyer 5/27/87

Attest

6. Springfield Steam Power
Company Block

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7. Bicycle Club Building

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8. Wells Block

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9. Worthy Hotel

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National Register

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10. Smith Carriage Company
District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

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Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82 - 3025
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84
Date Due: 6/23/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5/27/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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Reviewer's comments:

SEE EARLIER COMMENT SHEET.
MAP SHOWING BOUNDARIES
PROVIDED.

Recom./Criteria C/ACCEPT
Reviewer Mike DORR
Discipline A.H.
Date 5-27-83
see continuation sheet

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Title _____

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- ☐ Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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Stacy Building

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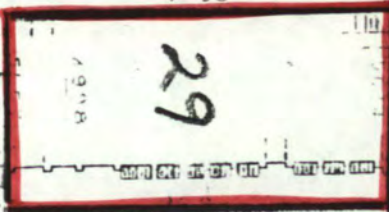
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