

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

3000

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

✓ Town Springfield

✓ Address 143-147 State Street

✓ Historic Name Radding Building (DSMAH)

Use: Original Offices

Present Offices/commercial

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Edward Radding

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's
location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1915

Source Building Permit

Style Classical Revival

Architect Charles R. Greco

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

1979 - New storefronts, windows

Moved No Date _____

Approx. acreage Less than 1 acre

Setting Urban context; within a row

of 2-5 story commercial buildings. This is

the tallest building in the block and forms

a strong edge to the street.

Recorded by Margo Webber

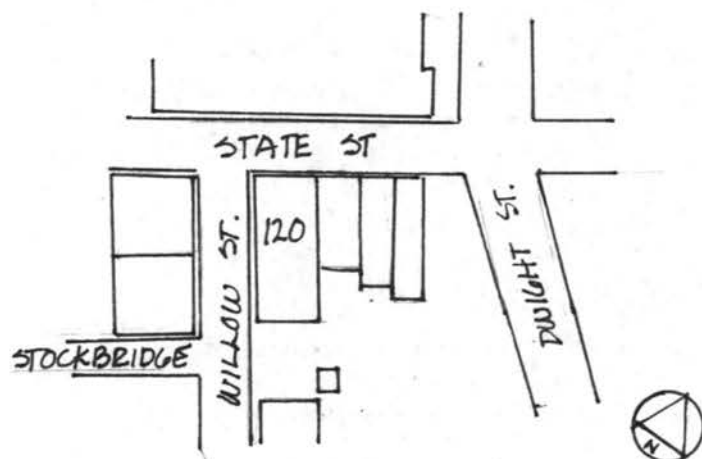
Organization Anderson Notter Finegold Inc.

Date June, 1981

Assessor's Map #314

UTM Ref: 18/699540/4663620

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)



CRITERIA STATEMENT: The Radding Building possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship. Constructed in 1915, it represents the southward expansion of downtown and its intensive commercial development.

It has housed a succession of important tenants, serving as one of the largest and most prominent State Street Blocks. Additionally, it is a good local example of a Classical Revival style office tower, although not as finely crafted as the Mass. Mutual Life Building (#118). It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The block is a good example of Classical Revival design and typifies many commercial blocks constructed during the 1910-1920 period of Springfield's downtown development. A recent renovation to the storefronts is comparable with the proportions of the original building design. The tall narrow facade is six bays wide and eight stories high. It has a two-story base with Classical pilasters between bays and an entablature above. The third and eighth stories are also articulated by string courses. The building is crowned by a modillioned cornice and parapet. All of the same details are continued on the west (Willow Street) facade, which is 20 bays wide and presents an impressive image when viewed from State Street.

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

This building is typical of early 20th century structures which were built for speculative offices by local entrepreneurs and real estate developers. The building replaces an old tenement structure on the site, reflecting the more intensive commercial development which took place throughout the downtown in later years.

The building was designed by architect Charles R. Greco of Boston, and constructed at a cost of \$250,000. It included stores, offices, assembly halls and clubrooms. Edward Radding was a local contractor, real estate developer and builder. By 1920, the building had been sold to B. Richardson. It remained one of the largest and most prominent State Street blocks throughout the 1920's expansion which continued on the street.

The building later came to be known as the Mutual Fire Assurance Company Building. In 1943, this firm took offices in the building as a prime tenant. This company was formed in 1827 for the purpose of insuring dwelling houses. Zobina Stebbins and a small group of incorporators, including Joseph Carew and David Ames were instrumental in founding the company, which sought to provide a mutual plan at a low cost to members. The firm in 1849 located in a building at Elm and Main, moving in 1901 to 1200 Main Street and in 1943 to this location. The year 1952 was recorded as their largest volume ever.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Permits
City Atlases
Springfield Street Directories
Springfield Scrapbook, Vol. 33, pp. 172-3.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Radding Building (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3625

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/25/82Action: ☐ ACCEPT☒ RETURN 12/27/82☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

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 ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

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
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

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 _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 445

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Hibernian Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

32. McIntosh Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

33. Willy's Overland Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

34. Haynes Hotel Waters
Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

35. Springfield District
Court

Substantive Review

Keeper

Anna Han Dwyer 2/24/83

Attest

36. Walker Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

37. United Electric Company
Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

38. Radding Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

39. Springfield Fire & Marine
Insurance Company

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

40. Guenther & Handel's Block

Substantive Review

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Radding Building (Downtown Springfield MRA)

Hampden County

MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025-

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84

Date Due: 4/1/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/24/83

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☒ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
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Missing Core Documentation

Property Name County, State	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
Radding Building Hampden County, Massachusetts	Downtown Springfield MRA	83000762

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☐ Nomination Form

☒ Photographs

☐ USGS Map

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NEW DWIGHT ST.

Rodding Building #120
143-147 State St
1"=50' Springfield MPA

DWIGHT T.

STATE



DWIGHT

STOCKBRIDGE ST.

WILLOW

