

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

141-MN

104/ no 80000632

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

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 9 May Street
Name Andrew H. Hammond
Organ Reed Factory
Present use commercial

Present owner Daniel Lemovitz &
Robert M. Willis

3. Description:

Date 1868, ca. 1875, ca. 1880

Source see Bibliography (#10)

Style Second Empire

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features slightly curved facade,
slate mansard roof, iron fence along
street, smokestack & additions at rear

Altered aluminum siding Date ca. 1970
over part of facades

Moved no Date _____

UTM: 19/267710/4681720
5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 6, p. 36
Lot 26--33, 731 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 185'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date December 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Andrew H. Hammond
 Original use organ reed factory
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial (present)

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 former Hammond Organ Reed Factory is a Second Empire style brick building of two-story height with a high basement and a third story beneath its slate-covered mansard roof. The building's plan is irregular, reflecting the various additions made to its north and west walls during the 1870s and 1880s. The factory's facade is on May Street and has an off-center entrance which is approached from a high granite stoop. Extending along May Street is an original cast-iron fence, set in a granite base.

One of the few remaining Second Empire style factory buildings in Worcester, the Hammond Factory was built for Andrew Hammond (1830-1906), a native of New Hampshire who worked as an "iron Moulder" in Manchester and Laconia, New Hampshire before coming to Worcester in 1851. Having worked at the malleable iron works of Waite, Chadsey & Co., as well as at several local foundries, Hammond found the work "distasteful" and turned to the study of music. Hammond traveled briefly as a music teacher in the American West before entering the organ reed manufacturing firm of Edward Harrington and Augustus Rice, of which Hammond became sole owner in the 1860s. In 1868 Hammond built the easternmost portion of the May Street factory, to which additions were made until it reached its present size by 1886, at which time more than 200 workers were employed here. Having survived the declining demand which drove other local organ manufacturers out of business in the 1890s, the Hammond Reed Company (incorporated in 1892) remained successful due to Hammond's continuous alterations of instrument design and improvement of manufacturing machinery. Between the 1890s and World War I, the Hammond Organ Reed Factory was believed to be the largest organ reed factory in the world.

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

Hyde, Worcester, Its Past and Present (1888), p. 135.
 Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, pp. 157-158 (Hammond biography).
 Rice, F. Worcester of 1898, pp. 143-145 (Hammond biography).

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

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). Owner opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. DOUBLE

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. VBDs were not necessary because

OTHER

Accept
MacDonald
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Acres 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 _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 10 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~was~~ am not convinced about boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

but believe they could be OK. AGED

on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ with NR staff + State. DOUBLE
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

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 (holding from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____

SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



**ALL STATE
LIGHTING**
MFG. INC.

141-NN

9 MAY ST.

Hannord Organ Factory
East + north
Worcester MRA, Ma
elevations

Prestige Prints

by Berkeley

JAN 1978

JAN 1978

JA



JAN 1978

141-NN

9 MAY ST.

Hammond Organ Factory

North + West

Worcester, MA

elevations

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JAN 1978

by Berkeley





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Hennerd, Orsa factory

9 May 81

North + west
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304