

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received NOV 3 1980

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1. Name

historic Shumway Block

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 112-116 Main Street not for publication

city, town Webster vicinity of congressional district Second

state Massachusetts code 025 county Worcester code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture ☐ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☒ commercial ☐ park
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational ☐ private residence
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment ☐ religious
☐ object	☐ in process	☒ yes: restricted	☐ government ☐ scientific
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial ☐ transportation
		☐ no	☐ military ☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Louis Sroczenski

street & number Killdeer Island

city, town Webster vicinity of state Massachusetts 01570

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Registry of Deeds

street & number 2 Main Street

city, town Worcester state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1979 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town 294 Washington Street, Boston state Massachusetts 02108

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Shumway Block is located on the south side of Main Street at the west end of Webster's central business district. The block is built out to the boundary lines of its lot on all sides, except at the rear (south). The building's east elevation is partially attached to a neighboring two-storey commercial block, the north elevation (facade) faces Main Street, the west elevation faces an adjacent railroad bed and the south elevation faces a small parking lot.

The Shumway Block is a three-storey commercial building with an "L" floor plan and a flat roof. The block is constructed of common red brick, except for the facade which is built of pressed red brick; decorative trimmings are of brown sandstone. Window lintels and sills throughout are made of rectangular block of rock-faced sandstone; window sash consists of 1/1 at the facade and 9/2 at all other elevations.

The facade (north elevation) is symmetrical, consisting of three wide bays, separated by projecting brick piers. At the first storey, each bay contains a single store front consisting of a dressed granite base above which are modern aluminum trimmed plate glass windows and an entry; the easternmost store front contains a group of three windows, the sill and lintels of which form a continuous band across the facade. Above the windows of the third storey's central bay are three blind arches bearing terracotta date plaques; set between the window lintels of the second storey and the sills of the third storey are panels of terracotta tiles. At the roofline is a brick parapet set on a shallow corbelling. The parapet is divided into three sections by panelled brick posts which rise from the facade's piers. The outer two posts have flat sandstone caps while the central two posts have pyramidal caps with ball finials. Other decorative details of the facade include a continuous stone moulding across the tops of the store fronts and stone blocks with carved rosettes set into the piers at the top of the first storey.

- All other elevators rise from a plinth of rock-faced granite to a low undecorated parapet with a stone coping. Fenestration of all other elevations is asymmetrical, both by original design and due to the subsequent blocking of windows on the west and south elevations. Except for the replacement of original plate glass store fronts, the painting of some brick and the blocking of some windows (side and rear walls only), the Shumway remains in original condition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400–1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500–1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600–1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☒ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1886-1887 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Shumway Block possesses integrity of location, design materials and setting. Characteristic of several brick blocks of transitional Victorian Gothic/Queen Anne design built along Main Street during the late nineteenth century, the Shumway Block has a tri-partite facade, arranged symmetrically about a central pavilion which rises to a high parapet. The facade is heavily decorated with bandings of sandstone, terracotta tiles and terracotta date panels. The original three storefront bays, framed by brick piers, remain essentially unchanged although the display windows have been re-glazed with modern plate glass in the mid-twentieth century. Elsewhere the building remains in original condition with the exception of several side wall windows which have been blocked.

Built near the former Webster Railroad Depot, in an area once known as Railroad Square, the Shumway Block is the second structure to occupy its site; the first was the Merchants' Block, a wooden structure which was built after the railroad was extended to Depot Village (downtown Webster) around 1840. Having been occupied by a variety of businesses, the Merchants' Block was sold to Oscar Shumway, a local businessman, in 1872. On March 3, 1886, the block was destroyed by fire. Because of the site's then valuable commercial location, the present block was built immediately after the fire. As with other commercial buildings on Main Street, the Shumway Block originally contained store fronts at the street level and offices in its upper stories, an arrangement which remains. The Shumway is one of the few remaining blocks which reflect the late nineteenth century commercial character of Railroad Square.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Leavens, Charles. Notes on the History of Webster. Vol. II at Webster Public Library.
The Webster Times. June 6, 1906 & Centennial Issue, 1959.

Assessor's Records. Webster Town Hall.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 8,056 sqaure feet

Quadrangle name Webster

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

nominated property includes on that lot and building shown on Webster Assessor's Map #1, Block T, Lot #1.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard W. Dery & B.R. Pfeiffer, Webster Community Development
for Candace Jenkins, Evaluation Director

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia Webster 10/20/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

For HCERS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

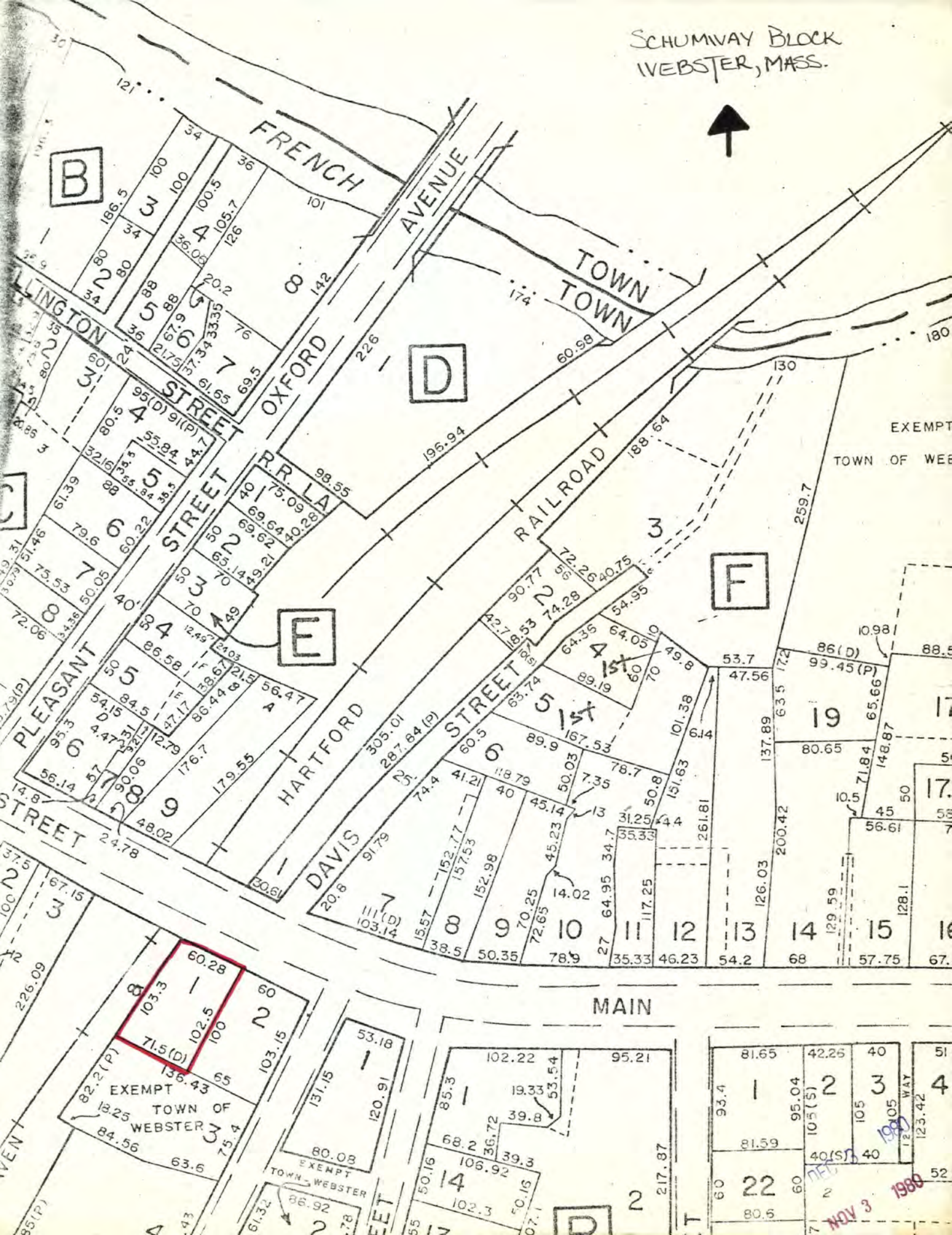
Candace Jenkins
Keeper of the National Register

date 12-3-80

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Property

Shumway Block

State

MA, Worcester

Working Number

11.3.80. 2736

DUE 1/3/81

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

late 19th c commercial bldg, one of the few remaining blks reflecting 19th c commercial character of Railroad Square.

Accept 12-3-80

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered *DEC 3 1980*

Federal Register Entry

2.2.82

Re-submit _____



ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

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Photograph: Webster, Massachusetts
Shumway Block
112-116 Main Street

Worcester Co.

taken: February 1980
negative on file: B. R. Pfeiffer
91 Westland Avenue Box 82
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

view: north elevation (facade) taken from a position facing south

KNOWN AS
OTHER

ARCHITECT ORIGINAL USE BUILDING

PRESENT USE RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL RELIGIOUS INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONAL

TYPE SINGLE DOUBLE ROW DETACHED TOWNHOUSE TENEMENT APARTMENT

STORIES 1 2 3 4 FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN ELEVEN TWELVE THIRTEEN FOURTEEN FIFTEEN SIXTEEN SEVENTEEN EIGHTEEN NINETEEN TWENTY

ROOF GABLE FRONT TO SIDE FLAT HIPPED SHED COMBINATION

ENTRANCE FLANK FRONT-CENTER FRONT-SIDE

NOV 3 1980

DEC 3 1980

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WEBSTER QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-CONNECTICUT
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



CONVERSION
SCALES



Feet	Meters
1	3048
2	6096
3	9144
4	12192
5	15240
6	18288
7	21336
8	24384
9	27432
10	30480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by 3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1942-1943. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1969
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Connecticut coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern
are subject to controlled inundation



SCALE 1:25,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, Light-duty road, all weather,
hard surface, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, Unimproved road, fair or dry
hard surface, weather
State Route

WEBSTER, MASS.-CONN.
N4200-W7152.5/7.5
1969
PHOTO-REVISED 1979
AMS 6668 III SW-SERIES V814





**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02108
617-727-8470

DEC 3 1980

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

October 20, 1980

Jerry Rogers, Acting Keeper
Registration Branch
Heritage, Conservation & Recreation Service
DOI, W434
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Boston- Historic Resources of the Boston Theater Area (Partial Inventory: Architectural and Historical Properties)	local, state, national
Chelsea-Chelsea Square Historical District	Local
Holyoke-Holyoke Canal System	National
Norwell-Salmond Tack Factory	Local
✓Peabody-Peabody Civic Center Historical District	Local
✓Springfield-Gunn and Hubbard Blocks	Local
✓Springfield-Water Shope Armory	Local
✓Webster-Eddy Block	Local
✓Webster-Shumway Block	Local
✓Webster-Spaulding Block	Local

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Also, enclosed is the form for the Peabody Civic Center Historic District which was returned to us for a photo of Franklin St.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director

CJ/lk



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered DEC 3 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Holyoke Canal System	Holyoke Hampden County
Tack Factory, The	Norwell vicinity Plymouth County
Eddy Block	Webster Worcester County
Water Shops Armory	Springfield Hampden County
Gunn and Hubbard Blocks	Springfield Hampden County
Spauling Block	Webster Worcester County
Shumway Block	Webster Worcester County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Silvio O. Conte
Honorable Garry E. Studds
Honorable Edward P. Boland

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

STATE

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

Shunway Block

STATE: _____

MA

COUNTY: _____

Worcester

LOCATION: _____

STREET &
NUMBER:**112-116 Main Street**

CITY, TOWN:

Webster

DATE LISTED IN N.R.:

DEC 3 1980

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

~~1st~~ *2nd* **Edward P. Balaban**

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REMARKS: _____

FED. REG. PENDING: **11-18-80**

EXTENDED TO: _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____

11/8/80/2736

DATE RETURNED TO SHPO OR FED. REG.: _____

DATE RETURNED TO N.R.: _____

DATE SENT TO CONGRESS: _____

1/12/81*How Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Hon. Edward P. Balaban
Hon. Paul T. Long*FHR-257
(11/78)

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