

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
3000	123

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

Town Springfield

Address 7-9 Stockbridge Street

Historic Name Guenther & Handel's Block

Use: Original Shops, rooms

Present Offices

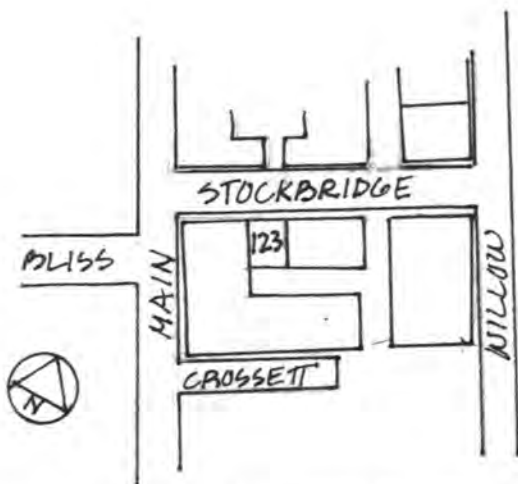
Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Elam Stockbridge

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1845

Source Stearns Directory, 1858

Style Greek Revival (vernacular)

Architect -- unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Sensitive renovation to offices, 1977

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than 1 acre

Setting Urban context; on narrow side

street and set within a streetscape of

similarly-scaled buildings, and recent

public improvements.

Recorded by Margo Webber

Organization Anderson Notter Finegold Inc.

Date June, 1981

Assessor's Map #312

UTM Ref: 18/699580/4663560

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

Criteria Statement: 7-9. Stockbridge Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant for its continuous role in Springfield's commercial history, and as one of only two remaining mid-nineteenth century commercial buildings to preserve its early form and features. Thus, it meets criterion A as a rare representative of downtown Springfield's early commercial development and criterion C as a relatively intact example of the Greek Revival style as it developed locally.

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

This building is the third oldest structure still extant within the Multiple Resource Area. It was originally one in a series of similar blocks, the others of which have since been removed or insensitively remodelled. It is a good example of mid-19th century architecture and typifies many buildings of the period, almost all of which were subsequently demolished for larger commercial blocks.

The building is three stories high and four bays wide. The east bay has only a doorway, capped by a broad stone lintel, while the rest of the ground floor has a large period storefront. The upper bay openings are framed by straight

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 was one of a series constructed in the 1840's on Stockbridge Street. The street was laid out in 1839 by Elam Stockbridge, and he followed by building a series of structures similar to this block which formed a cohesive unit of stores and rooms. Stockbridge retained ownership of the building, leasing it to various tenants, who in 1858 included Frederick Goff, a bootmaker. The ground floor shop later became a grocery/delicatessen, which from 1888-93, was run by a Mr. Greim. The grocery was sold in 1893 to Peter Vogel who managed it for another ten years.

In 1913, the business was again sold, this time to Emil Guenther and his brother-in-law, Richard Handel, who in that year established Guenther and Handel Co., a deli and fancy grocery store. They came to Springfield from Fitchburg, after having managed a similar type of business in that city. The shop gained an excellent reputation for fancy groceries imported from around the world. The kitchen was located on the building's second floor. Handel died in 1915 and Guenther in 1934, but the shop remained in family ownership at this same location until 1972. It was sold but retained its name until 1973, when it relocated to 1588 Main Street. Guenther & Handel remains a long-standing and well-known firm which became a local "institution", known for its quality service and unusual merchandise.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Stearns Directory, 1858
Springfield Street Directories
City Atlases
Springfield Union, September 6, 1973
Springfield Union, September 15, 1953
Springfield Republican, October 6, 1963

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Springfield	123
Property Name: Guenther & Handel's	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

stone lintels and sills. The cornice consists of a simple brick dentil band. The building was recently renovated in a sensitive manner which preserves and enhances the original character of the facade.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Guenther & Handel's Block (Downtown Springfield
MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTSWorking No. 11/10/82-3125

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:

Property is eligible under criteria ATC. Form
is being returned for technical
reasons (no J.B.D.)

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer L. McClelland
Discipline A. Hist
Date 12/22/82
☐ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. 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
☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
USGS References _____

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 _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ____ Maps
- ____ Photographs
- ____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to L. McClelland

Signed L. McClelland Date 12/22/82 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

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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	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
32. McIntosh Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
33. Willy's Overland Block	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
34. Haynes Hotel Waters Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
35. Springfield District Court	<u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper	<u>Mark Van Dordt 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
36. Walker Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
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37. United Electric Company Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
38. Radding Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
39. Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____
40. Guenther & Handel's Block	<u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper	<u>Mark Van Dordt 2/24/83</u>
		Attest	_____

United States Department of the Interior
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Substantive Review

Guenther & Handel's Block (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
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☒ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
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☐ appeal

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria AsC/Decent
Reviewer Mac Dwyer
Discipline A.H.
Date 2.24.83
see continuation sheet

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Site _____ date _____

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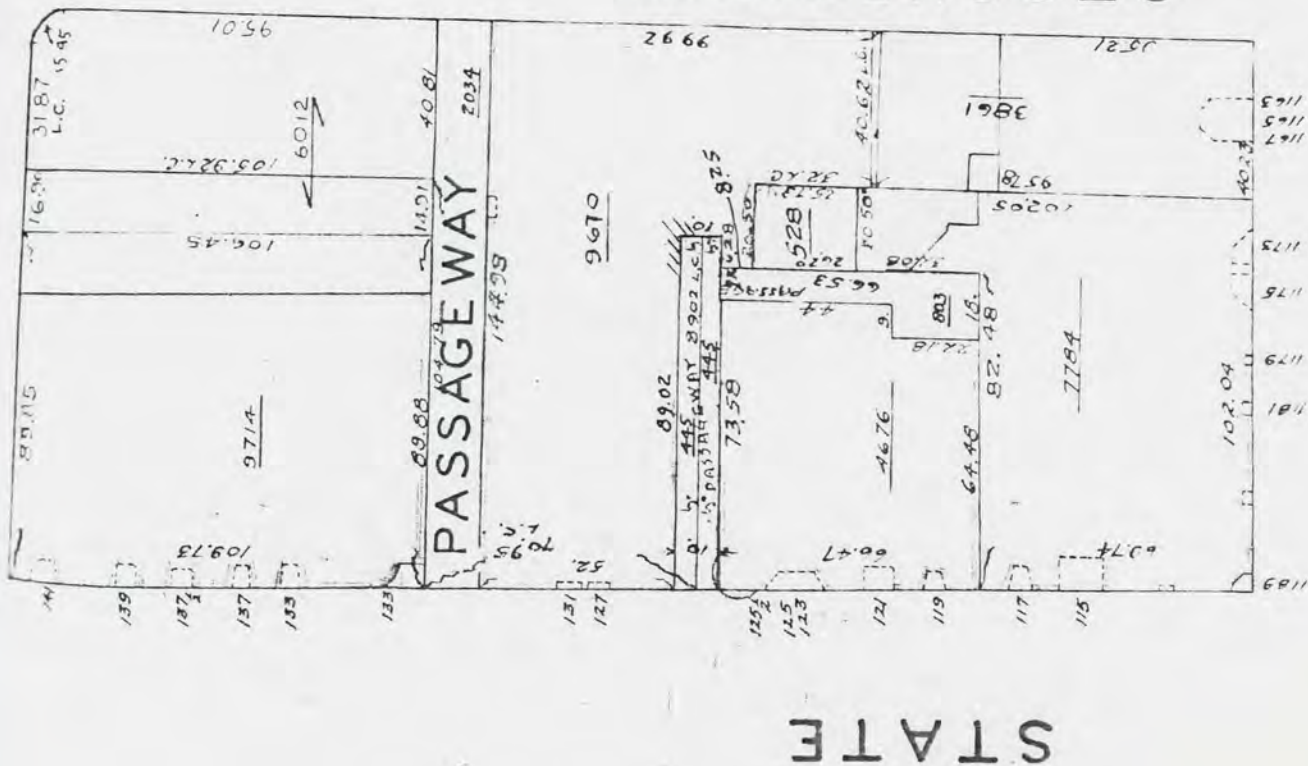
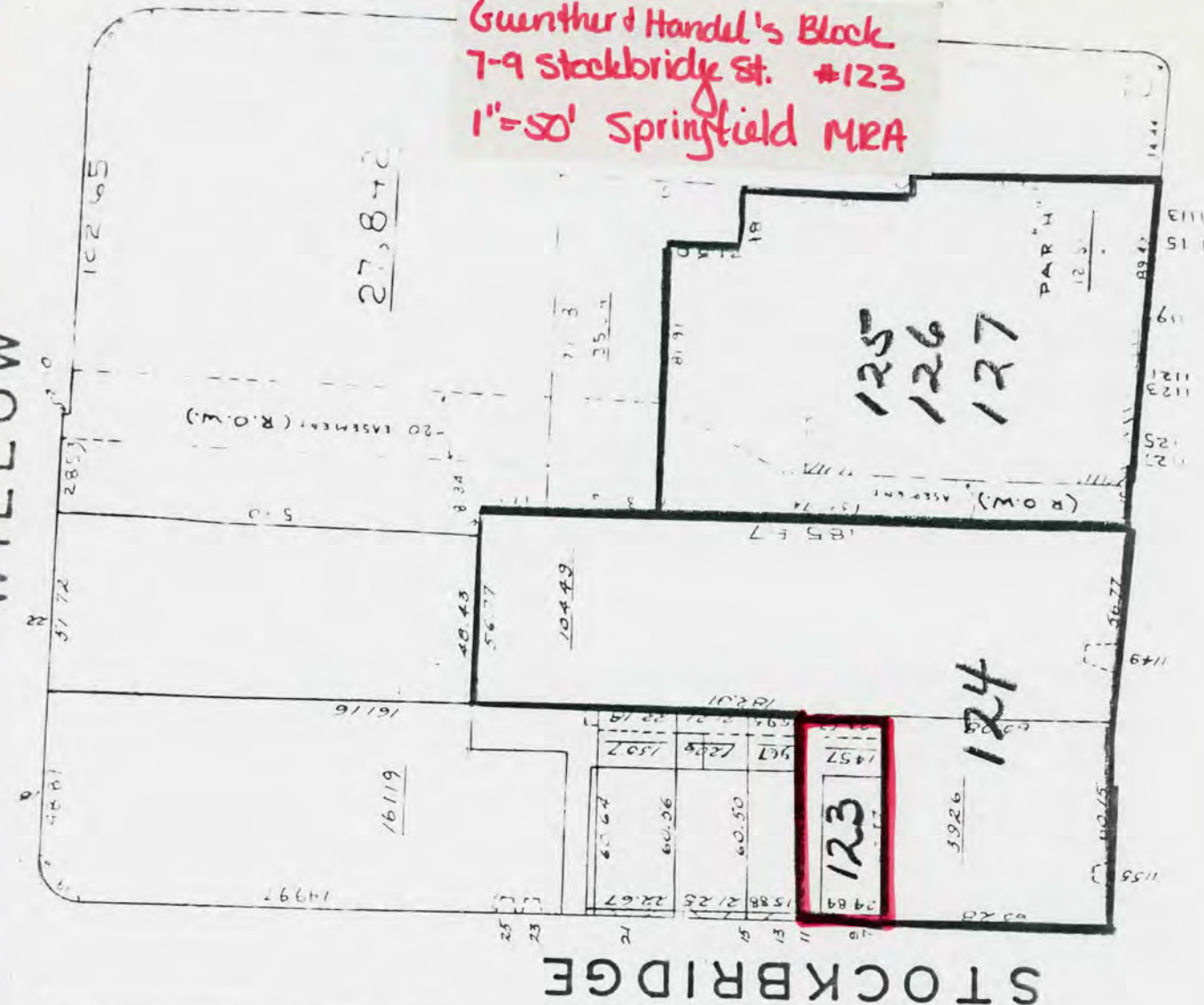
Downtown Springfield MRA, Ma

Guenther + Handel's Block

7-9 Stockbridge St.

WILLOW

Guenther & Handel's Block
7-9 Stockbridge St. #123
1"=50' Springfield MRA



MAIN

STATE

*Guenther + Handel's
#123
yes*

550 RIDGE ROAD
WILBRAHAM, MA. 01095

AUGUST 18, 1982

MS. PATRICIA L. WESLOWSKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
294 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA. 02108

DEAR MS. WESLOWSKI,

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF JULY 27, 1982, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT
I AM IN FAVOR OF MY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7 - 9 STOCKBRIDGE STREET,
SPRINGFIELD, MA., WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SPRINGFIELD MULTIPLE RESOURCE
AREA, BEING NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Madeline R. Zorzi
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