

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	39

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Springfield
 Address 201-207 Worthington Street
 Historic Name Smith's Building (DSMR)
 Original Owner:
G. McIntosh & Co.

Use: Present commercial
 Original wholesale and warehouse

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1897

Source SDR 12-31-97 p. 10

Style panel brick/romanesque revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

5. Major alterations (with dates) _____

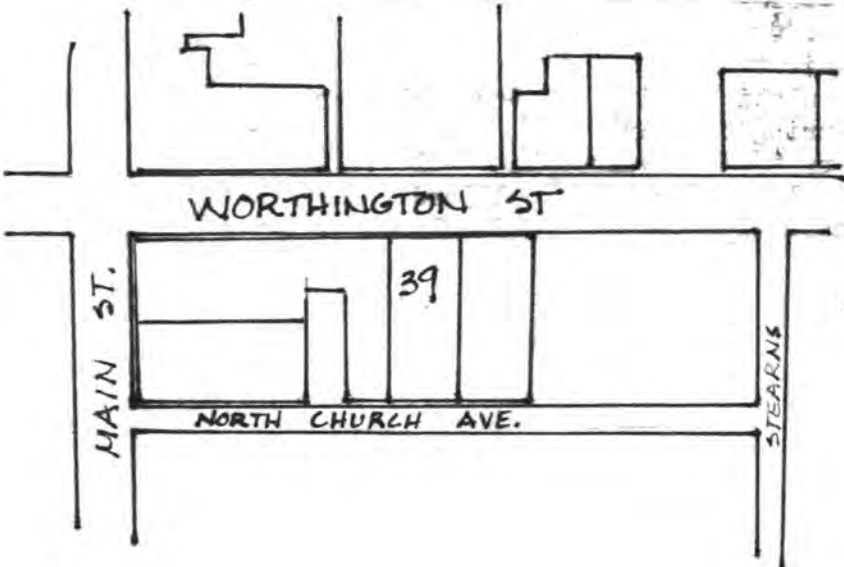
storefronts c. 1930

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

6 Setting urban context; about other
buildings of similar style, scale and
period.

SKETCH MAP



Recorded by Ed Lonergan ed. by Candace Jenkins

Organization Springfield Historical
Commission

Date 1979

UTM Reference: 18/699050/4663910
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.)

Smith's building is a five story brick structure with a second floor mezzanine. The mezzanine is divided into five bays by rusticated piers; upper floors are divided by piers which carry segmental arches. A corbeled cornice and pierced parapet complete the design. Storefronts are divided into three bays by cast iron piers; they retain early leaded transoms. It retains most of its original interior billiard parlor fittings.

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

Smith's Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant for its associations with one of Springfield's important industries and especially as the home of a major recreational complex. Additionally, it is a good local example of late nineteenth century commercial architecture, featuring elements of the Panel Brick and Romanesque Revival styles. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The original occupant of this block was the McIntosh Company, one of the region's oldest and largest shoejobbing houses. They moved here from the Carlton House Block(#5) in 1897, and in 1913 moved to a larger and more modern block on the corner of Chestnut and Worthington Streets(#63).

In 1914, Fred Smith moved his billiard parlor and bowling alleys to this block. He had begun business in 1903 in the block next east of this one, and had acquired a number of pool and billiard tables from 1905 St. Louis Exposition. In the new setting the second floor was utilized as a billiard parlor, and the upper floors for the bowling alley. Before World War II, "the center of candlepin bowling in Western MA, was located in downtown Springfield in the upper three floors of the Smith Building on Worthington St."⁽¹⁾ There were seven lanes on the third floor, seven on the fourth, and eight on the fifth, and "were the pride of Springfield"⁽²⁾. As Springfield's population shifted after World War II, attendance dropped at the lanes, and during the early 1960's, the lanes were removed, reworked and placed in a modern connecticut bowling alley. The billiard parlor still operates "is the longest running billiard in the state"⁽³⁾"one of the oldest"⁽⁴⁾ and has at least seven of its 1905 St. Louis Exposition tables.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date, and publisher)

1. Springfield Scrapbook Volume 38, P. 25
2. *ibid*
3. Springfield Scrapbook, Volume 38, p. 41
4. *ibid.* p.25

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Smith's Building (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82-12/25/82

Action: 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 A+C.
Inventory sheet is being returned for
technical correction.*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer L. McClelland

Discipline A. Hist

Date 12-22-82

see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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
- NA justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT 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 Linda McClelland

Signed L McClelland Date 12/27/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet Item number Page 3 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- ✓ 21. Cutler and Porter Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 22. Produce Exchange Building Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- x 6/22/83
 23. Edisonia Theater Block ~~Substantive Review~~ Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Han Doug 5/21/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
 Attest _____
- ✓ 24. Baystate Corset Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 25. Smith's Building Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Han Doug 2/29/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 26. Y.W.C.A. Building Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Han Doug 2/29/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
 Attest _____
- ✓ 27. Driscoll's Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 28. Fitzgerald's Stearns Square Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 29. Trinity Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
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 30. Kellogg's Envelope Block Substantive Review Keeper _____ S + T
 Attest _____

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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: 4/1/83
Action: ACCEPT 2/24/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

VBD provided

Recom. / Criteria ATC/SECRET
Reviewer Ken Boyd
Discipline A.H.
Date 12.24.83
see continuation sheet

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- _____ Photographs
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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3500



Smith's
BILLIARDS
& TABLES

Blodgett's
MUSIC STORE

SMITHS

BILLIARDS

KIA

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Downton Spring Field MRA, Ma

Smith's Budding

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Smith's Building #39
201-207 Worthington St.

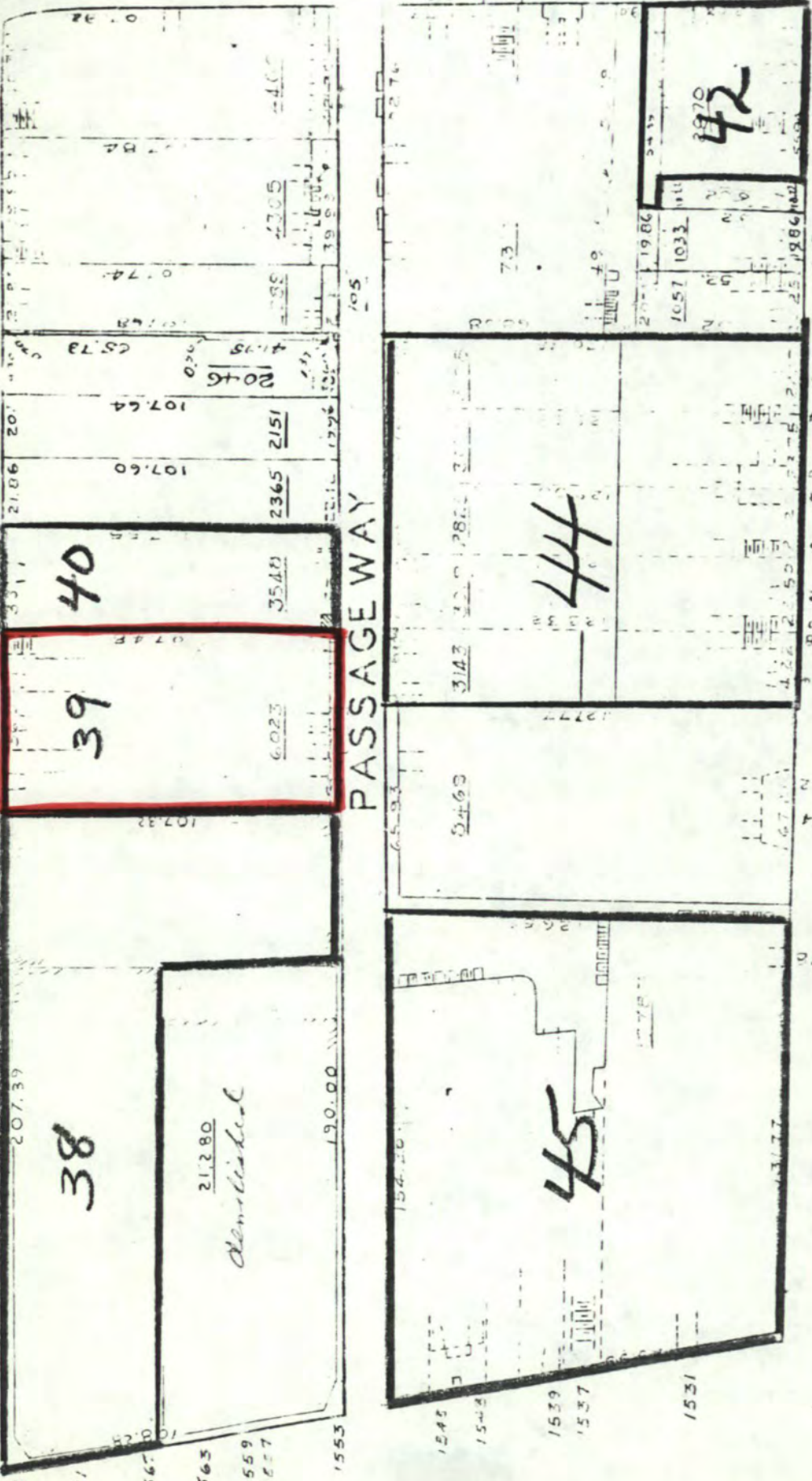
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WORTHINGTON

PASSAGE WAY

BRIDGE

ST.



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