

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

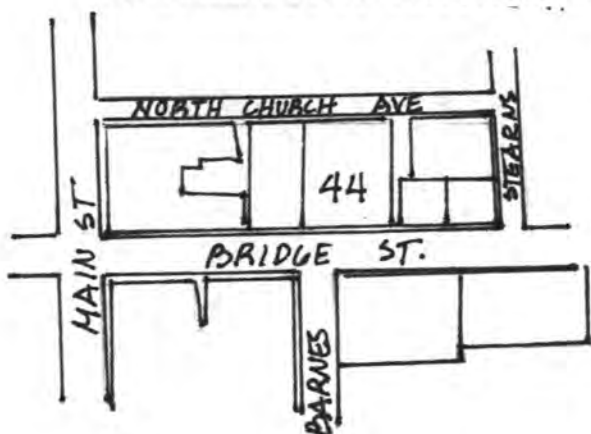
AREA	FORM NO.
3000	44

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or



Recorded by Ed Lonergan, Ed. Margo Webber and
Candace Jenkins (MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date 1978

UTM Reference: 18/699020/4663920

Springfield South Quadrangle

Assessors' Map #309

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Springfield

Address 266-84 Bridge Street

Historic Name Trinity Block (DS MHA)

Original Owner Trinity Methodist Church

Use: Present retail and office

Original offices and stores

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1923

Source Building permit

Style 20th C. Commercial

Architect Samuel M. Green

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

storefronts mid 20thC.

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting Urban context; within an area

of similarly scaled buildings dating

from the mid-nineteenth to early twentieth

centuries.

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

Architecturally, the three story Trinity Block is an unusual example of early twentieth century commercial design. The facade is a colorful extravaganza of cast stone and terra cotta, with color used to highlight vertical and horizontal elements between major bays. The cornice is an exuberance of arches, all based on abstracted interpretations of traditional dentils, keystone and other Classical motifs. Although its storefronts have been rebuilt, the original spacing remains as well as many of the transom details..

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

The Trinity Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Replacing the Trinity Church in 1923, it represents the consolidation of downtown Springfield as a commercial/industrial use area; its occupancy pattern was typical small scale commercial buildings in the area. It exhibits an unusually ornate design which, atypically, uses highly colored terra cotta; this design is preserved intact with the exception of storefronts. The Trinity Block meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Trinity Block occupies the site of the Trinity Methodist Church which was built in 1869. The church was demolished in 1922 and a mercantile and office block was built the following year at a total cost of \$125,000. Samuel M Green Co., a Springfield architectural firm, designed the Trinity Block. One of the first occupants was the Dietz Bakery, which had merged in 1917 with seven other bakeries to form the Massachusetts Baking Co.. The general offices were located in this building until the company was acquired by Continental Baking Company. Other tenants included a dress shop, tea room and furrier.

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

Building Department, Building Permits.
Springfield Directories, 1923-1940

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Trinity Block (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/082-3025

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:

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 date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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

X 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USRT References _____

X 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 _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Dr. Byers* 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 ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 3 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- ✓ 21. Cutler and Porter Block Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 22. Produce Exchange Building Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
23. Edisonia Theater Block Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper for Don H. Doyle 5/21/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Attest _____
- ✓ 24. Baystate Corset Block Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 25. Smith's Building Substantive Review Keeper for Don H. Doyle 2/29/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 26. Y.W.C.A. Building Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper for Don H. Doyle 1/29/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
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- ✓ 27. Driscoll's Block Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 28. Fitzgerald's Stearns Square Block Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 29. Trinity Block Entered in the National Register Keeper for Delores Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- R 30. Kellogg's Envelope Block Substantive Review Keeper _____ S + T
Attest _____

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Hampden County

MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3825

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 4/1/83

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Geographic name _____

UNIT References

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