

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	49



Town Springfield

Address 313-333 Bridge Street

Historic Name Morgan Block (D.E.M.F.)

Original Owner: Morgan Realty Co.

Use: Present retail and office

Original stores and offices

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1929

Source Building permit

Style Classical Revival

Architect Kirkham and Parlett

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

none

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

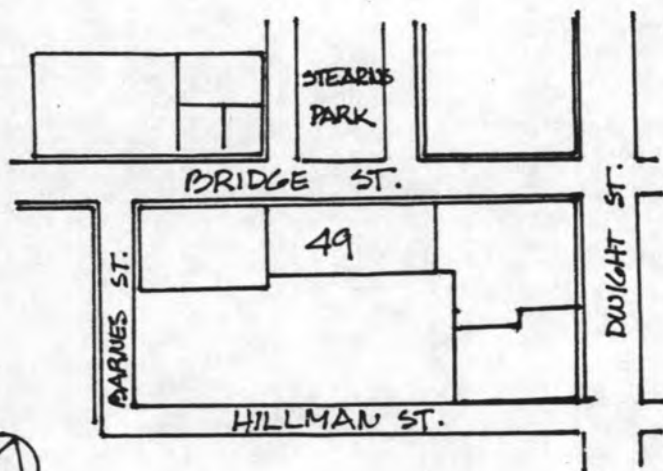
Setting urban context; faces north on to

Stearn's Square; between two larger scaled

buildings.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate



Recorded by Ed Lonergan, ed. Candace Jenkins
(MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date December 22, 1978

Assessor's Map ##309

UTM Reference: 18/699200/4663940

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

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

The building's two story Classical Revival design is well-suited to its location at the southern edge of Stearns Square. The scale and proportions are harmonious with earlier buildings fronting on the square namely the Fitzgerald block, Salvation Army, Wells/Bicycle Block and Springfield Brass Company. The design features rhythmic two-bay groupings between brick quoined piers and capped by Classical medallions beneath the parapet. A recent renovation has removed later twentieth century storefronts, revealing intact originals beneath leaded transoms.

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

The Morgan Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is associated with the city's commercial growth, representing the latest phase of its significant development period. It is one of the best designed and most intact examples of several small scale, two-story, commercial/office structures built in the early 20th century. Other well-preserved examples included in this nomination are grouped around the Apremont Triangle (Area A). The Morgan Block meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Morgan Block was constructed in 1929 on a site formerly occupied by Scott's Laundry. It was originally owned by the Morgan Realty Company to house a variety of commercial shops at the ground floor and offices in the upper story. These uses have continued to the present day.

The building backs up to what was the original plant of the Morgan Envelope Company on Hillman Street. The Morgan Realty Company was most likely a speculative development arm of this envelope manufacturer, one of the city's largest industries.

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

Building Permits

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Morgan Block (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTSWorking No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/25/82Action: ACCEPTRETURN 12/22/82REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Eligible AHC for architectural type and style
 and for illustration of significant period of commercial
 development in downtown
 Springfield. Needs v.b.d.
 and classification of physical
 extent of resource.

Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer L. McCulloughDiscipline A. HistDate 12/22/82see 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 ☐ noX 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

The dimensions of building's frontage
 or # of bays along Bridge St.
 should have been indicated. (Photo
 cuts off building). Please clarify
 extent of building.

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
- ☒ NA justification of exception
- ☐ other

Statement for architecture is adequate; that for historical association is weak but acceptable in light of general discussion of commercial development in #8 of cover form.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

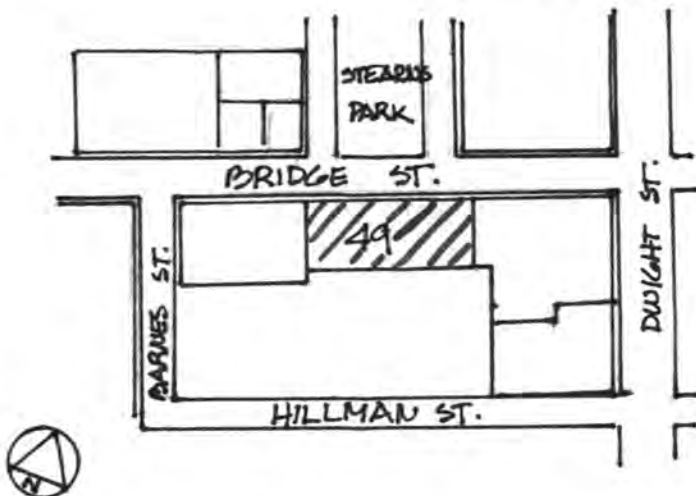
AREA	FORM NO.
3000	49

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate



Recorded by Ed Lonergan, ed. Candace Jenkins
(MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date December 22, 1978

Assessor's Map ##309

UTM Reference: 18/699200/4663940

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

✓ Town Springfield

✓ Address 313-333 Bridge Street

✓ Historic Name Morgan Block (D S M R H)

Original Owner: Morgan Realty Co.

Use: Present retail and office

Original stores and offices

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1929

Source Building permit

Style Classical Revival

Architect Kirkham and Parlett

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

none

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; faces north on to

Stearn's Square; between two larger scaled
buildings.

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

The building's two story Classical Revival design is well-suited to its location at the southern edge of Stearns Square. The scale and proportions are harmonious with earlier buildings fronting on the square namely the Fitzgerald block, Salvation Army, Wells/Bicycle Block and Springfield Brass Company. The design features rhythmic two-bay groupings between brick quoined piers and capped by Classical medallions beneath the parapet. A recent renovation has removed later twentieth century storefronts, revealing intact originals beneath leaded transoms.

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

The Morgan Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is associated with the city's commercial growth, representing the latest phase of its significant development period. It is one of the best designed and most intact examples of several small scale, two-story, commercial/office structures built in the early 20th century. Other well-preserved examples included in this nomination are grouped around the Apremont Triangle (Area A). The Morgan Block meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Morgan Block was constructed in 1929 on a site formerly occupied by Scott's Laundry. It was originally owned by the Morgan Realty Company to house a variety of commercial shops at the ground floor and offices in the upper story. These uses have continued to the present day.

The building backs up to what was the original plant of the Morgan Envelope Company on Hillman Street. The Morgan Realty Company was most likely a speculative development arm of this envelope manufacturer, one of the city's largest industries.

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

Building Permits

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

Page 2 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Downtown Springfield
Railroad District

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 5/27/83

Attest

12. Chapin National Bank Building ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

13. Henking Hotel and Cafe

^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

14. Massachusetts Mutual Life
Insurance Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 2/24/83

Attest

15. Old Post Office

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

16. Olmsted-Hixon-Albion Block

^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

17. Hampden Savings Bank

^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

18. Fuller Block

^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

19. Stearns Building

^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/24/83

Attest

20. Morgan Block

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 5/27/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Morgan Block (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84
Date Due: 6/23/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5/27/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

REVISED MAP (WITH RED HATCHING)
MAKES IT CLEAR WHAT THE
EXTENT OF THE RESOURCE IS.

Recom. / Criteria ATC / ACCEPT
Reviewer MAK [signature]
Discipline A.H.
Date 5.27.83
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
☐ 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

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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 _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



MPPNER CO.
JEWELERS

Feen Opt

ARNOLD'S

SHOES

Hastmann

C. KAYE
STAMPS

49

315-333 Bridge

Dumfries Springfield NRA Ma

Morgan Block

1"=50' Springfield MRA

HILLMAN

STREET

D W I G H T

STREET

STE A

48

49
6939

42

۱۰۰