

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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

Photo number _____

Town Springfield

Address 109 Lyman Street

Historic Name Cutler and Porter Block (125m)
original owner: Cutler and Porter Company

Use: Present commercial

Original commercial

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1894

Source SDR 12-29-94 p.10

Style Panel Brick

Architect F.S. Newman

Exterior wall fabric brick, cast stone

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

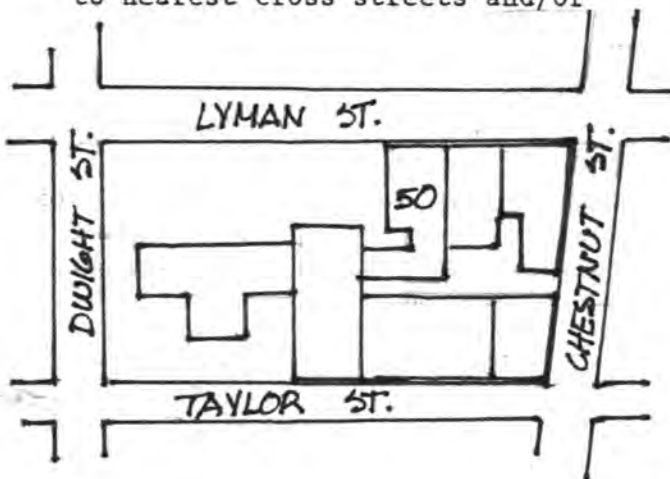
parapet, Young Co. insignia, 1923

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

SKETCH MAP

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



Recorded by Ed Lonergan, ed. by Candace Jenkins Setting urban context; adjacent to

Organization Springfield Historical Commission produce exchange and railroad yard.

Date 1977

Assessor's Map 316

UTM Reference: 18/699110/4664220

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Cutler and Porter Block is adjacent to the Produce Exchange. The two buildings are visually integrated by their red brick construction and by the 20th century application of yellow paint to trim. 1894 design elements include window treatments-segmentally arched on the west side, and round arched on the facade top story. Overlaid on this is a 20th century remodeling by the Young Company which includes an elaborate parapet, linking of the second and third story windows in the center bay with the Young Co. insignia above, and glass block windows at the ground floor. The composite is one of the most elaborate designs for a manufacturing block in the survey area, and its best example of a modernization

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Cutler and Porter Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant for associations with several local industries, especially the W.F. Young Company, manufacturers of medicines. Additionally, it is a well designed block which integrates elements of its original 1894 design with 1920's remodelings by the Young Company. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Cutler and Porter Company was established in 1880 as wholesale dealers in boots, shoes, and rubber goods. They contracted with F.S. Newman, a prominent Springfield Architect, to design this block for their use and it was completed in 1894. W.F. Young occupied half of this block in the 1920's. They are listed as manufacturers of proprietary medicines and are best known for a product named Absorbine Jr.. They remain there today.

Cutler and Porter, established in 1880, was incorporated in 1907 by Leroy Z. Cutler and W. P. Porter. They moved to the location in 1894, remaining here until 1913, when the ground floor was leased to Fairbanks, Morse and Co; a large manufacturer of gasoline and oil supplies.

The building is perhaps better known for its association since 1923 with the W.F. Young Co.. Starting in 1921, W.F. Young began blending rare herbs and medicants for the relief of horse's pains. With the success of horse liniments, Young realized there would probably be a market for human pain remedies too. Thus began the line of Absorbine and Absorbine Jr. for which the company became famous.

Young moved to Springfield from Meriden, Connecticut. His first laboratory was his home on Amherst Street. It then moved to Monmouth St., in 1909 to Temple St. and in 1923 to its current Lyman St. address.

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

- Western New England, April 1911, pXIX
- Springfield Daily Republican, December 29, 1894, p. 10
- Springfield of Today, 1898, p. 28.
- Biographical Review of Hampden County, 1895, p.220
- Springfield Scapbooks, Volume 28, pp. 15, 139-141; Volume 36, p. 17.

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT 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 *A. 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 Service National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
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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

- ✓ 21. Cutler and Porter Block Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 22. Produce Exchange Building Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- 8 2/24/83
23. Edisonia Theater Block Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Handberg 5/21/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Attest _____
- ✓ 24. Baystate Corset Block Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 25. Smith's Building Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Handberg 2/29/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 26. Y.W.C.A. Building Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Handberg 2/29/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Attest _____
- ✓ 27. Driscoll's Block Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 28. Fitzgerald's Stearns Square Block Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- ✓ 29. Trinity Block Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 2/24/83
Attest _____
- R 30. Kellogg's Envelope Block Substantive Review Keeper _____
Attest _____

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Cutler and Porter 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

Entered in the RETURN

National Register 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. 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

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Geographic name _____

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