

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

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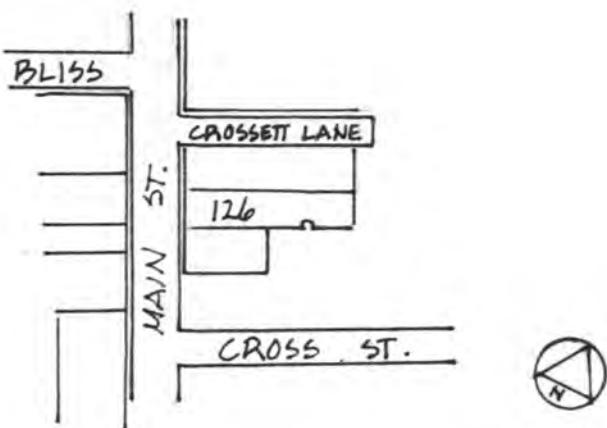
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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✓ Town Springfield
Address 1119 Main Street
✓ Historic Name Bangs Block (DSMRA)
Use: Original commercial
Present commercial/office
Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____
Public _____
Original owner John Bangs

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1870
Source Springfield Historical Commission
Style Italianate
Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings none
Major alterations (with dates) proposed
adaptive reuse/exterior renovation, 1981-
1982
Moved no Date N/A
Approx. acreage less than one acre
Setting Urban context; an integral element
in a row of similarly scaled buildings along
Main Street.

Recorded by Margo Webber
Organization Anderson Notter Finegold Inc.
Date June, 1981

Assessor's Map #312

UTM Ref: 18/699630/4663490

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

Criteria Statement: The Bangs Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is significant for its well preserved late-Italianate design and as a well-documented representative of downtown Springfield's small scale, later nineteenth century, commercial enterprises. It thus meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Bangs Block is a good example of smaller late 19th century commercial blocks, which at one time were particularly prevalent in the southern blocks of Main Street. The area north of Main Street was more commercially-oriented than the factory/industrial area to the east and serviced the expanding residential neighborhood of the South End. The Bangs Block is four stories and four bays wide, creating a rather narrow facade lined with windows, whose brick corbelled hoods frame the segmental arched openings. The cornice band has a wide brick frieze and a corbelled brick cornice of decorative design which adds to the visual delight of this typical period facade.

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

The Bangs Block was constructed c. 1870 on property owned by the Bangs family since at least twelve years earlier. The block was built to house the Bangs Market, a small grocery run by this family for over 25 years, first by John Bangs, and later in the century by his son, Adam Bangs, until 1903. John Bangs ran the shop as a flour and grain dealer, while under his son, Adam Bangs, it was a meat market. The market was later converted to use as the shop of Otis Lombard, watchmaker (1917) and housed other commercial tenants over the years.

Although little is known about the Bangs family, their role in operating a small store in this area of the downtown represents the scale and scope of trade common to the area in the late 19th century. This area of Main Street was gradually converted from what had been combined residential and commercial uses, largely in two-story wooden buildings, to prominent commercial masonry blocks, still relatively small in scale, but together forming a cohesive streetscape reflective of a bustling mercantile trade. As part of that streetscape, the Bangs Block is a reminder of the area's growth and development in the late 19th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Permits
Street Directories
C. Stearns 1858 Directory
City Atlases
Hampden County Registry of Deeds

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Bangs Block (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/92-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/22/82

Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 12/27/82
☐ 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. 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	☐ 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

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 Reference

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 *W. 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

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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

41. Colonial Block

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Date/Signature

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

42. McKinney Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

43. Bangs Block

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

44. Burbach Block

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

45. Apremont Triangle Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Kenneth D. Byers 5/27/83

Attest

46. WCA Boarding House

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National Register

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Melvin Byers 2/24/83

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47. French Congregational Church

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National Register

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48. St. Joseph's Church

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National Register

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Melvin Byers 2/24/83

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49. Milton-Bradley Company

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

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Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Bangs 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

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13. Other

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- _____ Photographs
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Bangs Block

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126 Newton Springfield Mass.

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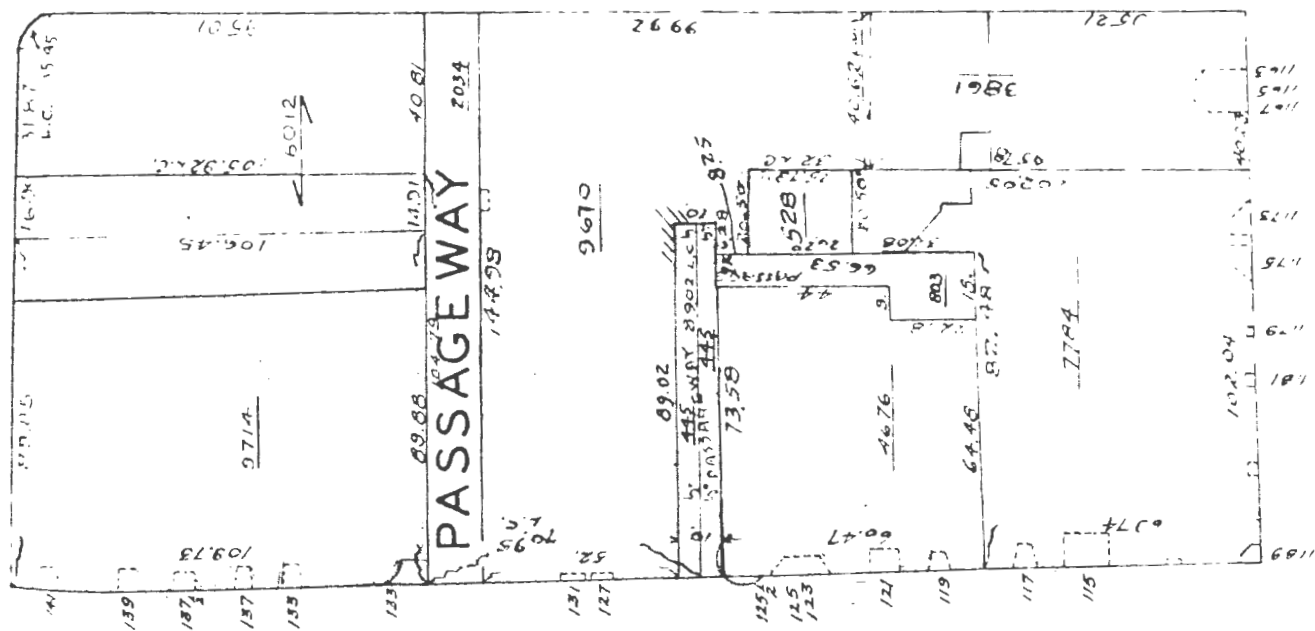
Bangs Block

WILLOW

Bangs Block #126
1119 Main St.
1"=50' Springfield MRA

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