

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	2

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



Recorded by Fred Clark ed. by Candace
Jenkins (MHC)
Organization Springfield Historical
Commission
Date 1/25/79

Assessor's Map #304
UTM Reference: 18/698820/4663860
Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

Hampden Co.
Town Springfield
Address 32-34 Hampden Street
Historic Name Whitcomb Warehouse (D.S. MHA)
George Nelson (original owner)
Use: Present Commercial
Original Warehouse
DESCRIPTION:
Date 1896
Source Springfield Republican
Style Panel Brick
Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric yellow brick
Outbuildings none
Major alterations (with dates) _____
none
Moved no Date _____
Approx. acreage one acre or less
Setting northwest corner of survey area;
surrounded primarily by vacant lots.

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

The Whitcomb Warehouse is a four story, freestanding brick structure. Design elements include segmental arched windows and a patterned brick cornice. Although its setting has been rather severely compromised, this is one of the most intact industrial buildings from the late nineteenth century.

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

The Whitcomb Warehouse possesses integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship. Built in 1896, it is significant for its associations with two local industries, and as an intact warehouse dating from Springfield's major period of significance. The building retains original storefronts segmental arched windows with 1/1 sash and a patterned cornice.

The Whitcomb Warehouse was probably initially associated with the plant of the Springfield Cigar Manufacturing Company on Hampden Street. This was the leading cigar maker in the city. It was founded in 1883 under the name of Baer and Carruth at 535-27 Main Street and moved to Hampden Street in 1885. This firm specialized in finer and medium grade cigars; its specialties were the "K of L", "Straw Tips" and "GB" brands which were sold nationally. In the early twentieth century, the building was sold to the Colby Manufacturing Co., makers of paper rulers.

It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Springfield Daily Republican; December 31, 1896; p. 10
Atlas of Springfield; 1899; 1910
Hampden County Registry of Deeds; Book 1054; p. 240
Springfield of Today; 1896, p. 12
Springfield Republican; November 11, 1862

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Whitcomb Warehouse (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:

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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date _____

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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

X Verbal boundary description and justification *Please provide VBD*

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

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 1 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Whitcomb Warehouse

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

2. Patton Building

Entered in the
National Register

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3. Patton and Loomis Block

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4. Carlton House Block

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National Register

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Keeper

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Attest

5. Stacy Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ann M. Dwyer 5/27/87

Attest

6. Springfield Steam Power
Company Block

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National Register

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7. Bicycle Club Building

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Keeper

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8. Wells Block

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National Register

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9. Worthy Hotel

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National Register

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Keeper

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Attest

10. Smith Carriage Company
District

Substantive Review

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United States Department of the Interior
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WHITCOMB WAREHOUSE
(DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD MRA)

HAMPDEN CO

MA

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: _____

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Address of nominated property _____

Geographic name _____

USIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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