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In Area no.	Form no.
	130-CBD
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Town Worcester

Address 365 Main Street

*W.C.S.* Bank Block and Worcester County  
Name Institution for Savings

Present use bank

Worcester County  
Present owner Institution for Savings

3. Description:

Date 1851, 1906, 1969

Source see reverse side #9

Italianate (altered) and

Style Classical Revival

unknown (1851)

Architect Winslow & Bigelow of Boston  
(1906)

Exterior wall fabric granite, stucco

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Doric entry, varied  
Greek decorative details, carved  
granite posts, bracketed cornice

stucco added and  
Altered buildings Date 1969  
joined

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 2, p.26  
Lots 21 & 23 Total area

*UTM*  
*19/268900/4682750*

10,042 sq.ft.  
One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 75' - Main Street

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

S. Ceccacci

6. Recorded by ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date November 1977

(over)

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Roll #28

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.

7. Original owner (if known) Worcester County Institution for Savings

Original use commercial (bank)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates bank only (20th century)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u>      </u>	Conservation	<u>      </u>	Recreation	<u>      </u>
Agricultural	<u>      </u>	Education	<u>      </u>	Religion	<u>      </u>
Architectural	<u>  x  </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>      </u>	Science/ invention	<u>      </u>
The Arts	<u>      </u>	Industry	<u>      </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u>      </u>
Commerce	<u>  x  </u>	Military	<u>      </u>	Transportation	<u>      </u>
Communication	<u>      </u>	Political	<u>      </u>		
Community development	<u>  x  </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Worcester County Institution for Savings building, extending along Foster Street from Main Street to Norwich Street, contains two buildings which were connected in 1969 when an alley running from Foster Street was built over. The earliest section of the building is its rear part which was built in 1851 as a joint venture between the Worcester Bank (the parent organization of the Institution for Savings) and the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company. This three-storey structure, called the Bank Block, was illustrated in The Cottage Builder's Manual (1856, p.170) by Zephaniah Baker as a "fine specimen of its kind". In its original form the block had recessed, curved corners, broken scroll pediments over the second storey windows, bracketed flat hoods over the third storey windows, a deep cornice with carved brackets, and trabeated granite store fronts. In the late nineteenth century the granite posts of the store fronts were carved with foliate decoration. Of the foregoing details only the store fronts and brackets remain; other ornament was removed in 1969 when the exterior was stuccoed and incised to resemble the masonry of the front section. (An additional detail survives in a projecting bay window added on the Norwich Street side of the building in the early twentieth century). In 1852 the bank purchased the railroad's interest in the building.

In 1906 the Institution for Savings was moved to a newly completed building (365 Main Street) and the original Bank Block was sold to the Worcester County Electric Light Company. The Main Street building is

(cont.)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Engineering Record, vol. 52, Sept. 9, 1905, p.52; vol. 52, Oct. 14, 1905, p.51 (building notices - Norcross Bros., builders)  
Gazette, March 27, 1953, p.1 (article on sale and history of Bank Block)  
Sunday Telegram, May 6, 1928, Section E (centennial history)  
 Baker, A. Cottage Builder's Manual, p. 170 (illustration)  
 Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, p.1015.  
 Tymeson. Worcester Bankbooks (1966) pp. 39, 69, 73  
Worcester's Columbian Tribute, pp. 175-177 (photo)  
The Worcester County Institution for Savings: 1828-1928 (centennial history)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Worcester	Form No: 130-CBD 29
Property Name: Bank Block and Worcester County Institution for Savings	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. approximately three stories high, containing an open bank-hall at its center; the building is faced with dressed granite. The facade is symmetrical with monumental Doric columns at its center; extending around the building's north and west elevations are an entablature with triglyphs, cornice and parapet. Reminiscent of Greek Revival architecture, the Main Street building is unaltered except for some modern sash and a modern entry. To provide additional office space, the Institution for Savings re-purchased the Bank Block in 1953.

The Worcester County Institution for Savings, chartered in 1828, was the city's first savings bank. For most of the time between 1828 and 1903, the Institution for Savings had the same president and treasurer as the Worcester Bank, a commercial bank of which it was an off-shoot and with which it shared office space. The Institution for Savings' first president was Daniel Waldo; other prominent local citizens to hold the position were Alexander Bullock, Stephen Salisbury II, and Stephen Salisbury III.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 383 + 13  
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). Opposition is high. Minor problems w/ some properties are listed on attached sheets.

**HISTORIAN**  
Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10.30.79

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. **DOUBLE**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.  
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.  
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bldg need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ BOTH TECHNICALLY AND TO DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE FORMS DID NOT CONTAIN STRONG STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE THE RESOURCE CATEGORIES WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN THE BODY OF THE NOMINATION; THEREFORE SIGNIFICANCE WAS ESTABLISHED. VBDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

**OTHER**  
ACCEPT  
MURPHY  
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. PRECISE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

**HAER**

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD - 11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Recommend Listing all properties <sup>now</sup> ~~except~~ <sup>except</sup> these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ <sup>to discuss further</sup> w/NR staff + state. **DOUBLE**  
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;  
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

**BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

**KEEPER**

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding fruit from state)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_ **SEE 3/3/80 REPORT**



WORCESTER COUNTY INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

WICS

Prestige Prints  
by Berkeley  
JUN 1979

130-CBD-29  
WGIS Bank  
365 Main St.  
Windsor, N.H.  
North-West  
elevation

30 AUG 1979

R1132

Prestige Prints  
by Berkeley



WCS  
CONSUMER  
LOANS

W. 10th St.  
W. 11th St.

JAN 1978

30 AUG 1979

130-CBD-29

WIS 3411

365 Main St.

Worcester MA, 0149

North elevation

JAN 1978

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304



130-LBD-29

October 11, 1979

Mr. Charles A. Herrington RE: 663  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Pension Building  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

SUBJECT: Worcester County Institution  
for Savings  
365 Main Street  
Worcester, Mass. 01608

Dear Mr. Herrington:

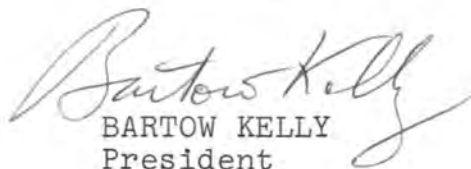
RE: Worcester Multiple Resource Area

We have received communication from you dated September 27th advising that our property at the above address has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Trustees of this organization request that this not be done realizing that there are some advantages to having this listing and it is also recognized that there are some disadvantages.

It is impossible for us to forecast the future as to whether this building will continue to be useful. Our Trustees have determined that they do not have the right to tie the hands of future management and Trustees by reducing their options as to the use of this property. Therefore, they have asked me as their executive to communicate with you. Would you please indicate as soon as possible that our request has received a favorable action.

Yours very truly,

  
BARTOW KELLY  
President

BK/w

DATE RECORDED OCT 15 1979

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED) \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEW MATERIAL SENT \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE SOURCE ON OCTOBER 15, 1979. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERS HIM A POSITION AS A SECURITY GUARD AT A FACILITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE IS CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND IS INTERESTED IN THE OFFER. THE SOURCE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE POSITION AND IN CONTACTING THE INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM THE POSITION.

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RECORDED 11/1

OCT 29 1979

*Lightman 10-29-79  
McDougal 10-29-79*

Mr. Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.  
Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple, P.C.  
Counselors at Law  
The Guaranty Building  
370 Main Street - Room 1250  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

Dear Mr. Erskine:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed listing of the Worcester Multiple Resource Area, Worcester County, Massachusetts, in the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register will consider your comments during the review process and will provide a copy of your letter to the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108. Although National Register regulations require that a property owner be given an opportunity to comment on a proposed nomination, an owner's permission is not required for listing.

Listing in the National Register is Federal recognition that a property possesses cultural value and is worthy of preservation. Once listed in the National Register, a property receives limited protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally assisted projects on historic properties. Provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 provide incentives for the rehabilitation of certain structures listed in the National Register and disincentives for their demolition. Listing has no other effect on the property. It does not affect the range of actions an owner can take as long as a Federal action is not involved.

If the Worcester Multiple Resource Area is accepted for listing in the National Register, notice will be placed in the "Federal Register." If additional information is needed to complete the evaluation, or if it is determined that the property does not meet the National Register criteria for evaluation, the nomination will be returned to the State.

We appreciate your participation in the National Register commenting process.

Sincerely,

Carel D. Shull (Sgd.)

Charles A. Herrington  
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Identical letters sent to:

cc: Candace Jenkins, N.R. Coordinator for Mass. Historical Commission

J. M. Amit, Clerk, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Mass.

John M. Carlson, Administrative Assistant Memorial Hospital Mass.

J. L. Goff, President, The Mart, A division of United Factory Outlet, Mass.

Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr., R.C. Taylor Associates, Mass.

Bartown Kelly, President Worcester County Institution for Savings, Mass

Chris Kelly, Worcester Multiple Resource Area

cc: Massachusetts SHPO, Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski

bcc: Director's Reading File

FHR: SLightner:mjd 343-6401 10/25/79

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN NR