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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

Union Trust Company

Bldg.

AND/OR COMMON

Union Trust Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1351 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd Massachusetts

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY
Hampden

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mortimer and Charles Polep

STREET & NUMBER

177 Lynnwood Drive

CITY, TOWN

Longmeadow

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01106

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hampden County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

50 State Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1977

___FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Trust Company is located in the commercial center of Springfield and is surrounded by structures from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. To the north, across Townsley Avenue, is the Republican Block (NR nomination) and across Main Street, to the southeast, is the Court Square Historic District (NR). The Mattoon-Quadrangle Historic District is two blocks east.

The Union Trust Company was built in 1907-08 and designed by the nationally prominent Boston architectural firm of Peabody and Stearns. The Beaux Arts style structure is two stories high with a mezzanine level. The facade and a small portion of the Townsley Avenue elevation are faced with limestone on a low base of Tennessee marble. The remainder of the Townsley Avenue elevation and the rear elevation are constructed of yellow brick and relieved by limestone detail.

The major component of the design and principal feature of the facade is the triumphal arch motif. This slightly recessed arch is framed by rusticated piers set on a six foot high water table. Loop windows pierce the piers at the first and second floors. The arch spandrels are ornamented by a high relief figure of a recumbent woman attended by a putto. These panels were sculpted by John Evans of Boston. The soffit of the arch is coffered. Recessed seven feet within the arch is a glazed screen with center entry. The projecting cornice of the monumental scaled entry is supported by consoles and surmounted by a cartouche flanked by baskets.

The roofline is distinguished by a full Corinthian entablature. The frieze is ornamented with rinceaux and putti on the ends. "Union Trust Company" is inscribed in the center. Above the entablature is a parapet wall with projecting panels and balustrades. In the center is a round arched panel topped by an acorn finial. The panel is ornamented by a cartouche framed by swags.

The corner of the facade and Townsley Avenue elevation is bevelled and panelled. The Townsley Avenue elevation is six bays deep and has full round arched fenestration on the first floor with paired jack arched lintel fenestration on the second floor. There is a projecting limestone course at the impost of the arch of the first floor fenestration. The rear elevation is three bays wide. The end bays have brick courses arranged in rustication with single jack arched lintel fenestration on the first and second floors. The central bay has a large scale full round arched window and paired jack lintel windows on the second floor. The 6' high water table of the facade is reflected on the rear in the continuous limestone sill. The only change in the exterior is the replacement of the original doors and windows of the first floor. The openings have been blocked down for the new aluminum sash fixtures.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☒ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☒ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1907-08

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Peabody and Stearns

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Trust Company is significant for its architecture, associations with banking history in Springfield, and in the development of the city center.

Peabody and Stearns was a nationally recognized architectural firm whose work stretches across the entire range of architectural use and expression. Their only known work in the Connecticut Valley are two buildings at Smith College (1875 and 1890); the Union Trust Company (1907-08); the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company (1904); and a church (1878).

Architecturally, the Beaux Arts design of the Union Trust Company relates to the Municipal Group (Courthouse Square Historic District NR) and would have complemented a projected early 20th century Burnham-esque "City Beautiful" proposal for the area and riverfront.

The Union Trust Company was founded in 1906 when three banks merged. One of the three, Second National Bank, began business in 1814 as the Springfield Bank; it was the first bank in the area. In 1958 Union Trust merged with the Springfield National Bank to form the Valley Bank. This structure served as the corporate headquarters until 1970. Union Trust Company is the finest Beaux Arts structure on Main Street and has been referred to locally as "that gem of Main Street architecture."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Springfield Homestead, 5/1/1908

Springfield Daily Republican 11/17/1906

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7500 sq. ft.

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 699320 4663720
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor

and Edmond Lonergan, Researcher

Springfield Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

June 6, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Eligbeth Reed Amaden

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 7/6/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

1.9.78

DATE

1.6.78

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Property

Union Trust Company Bldg.

Hampden

State

Mass.

Working Number

7.12.77/1124

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

2

accept ✓ OK Leborich

CONTROL

pl

7.14.77

HISTORIAN

Accept 12/5/77 J. Turner

Accept for listing —

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

L. A. Beebe 10/19/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Peabody + Stearns

Accept
Leborich
12/28/77

BRANCH CHIEF

Hump
1.6.78

KEEPER

Wm
1.9.78

National Register Write-up

3.7.78

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered

JAN 9 1978

Federal Register Entry

INT:2106-74



Union Trust Company
Springfield, MA.
Kathleen Morehead, 1976
37 Old Acre Road
Springfield, MA.

JAN 9 1978

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Photo #1 23

Looking east toward the facade

JUL 12 1977

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Union Trust Company
Springfield, MA.

Robert Jackson, 1977

Springfield Historical Commission
City Hall, Springfield, MA.

Photo #2 *73*

Looking southwest towards the Townsley Ave.
elevation

HAMPDEN COUNTY
JUL 12 1977

JAN 9 1978

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Union Trust Company

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

Photo #3 of 3

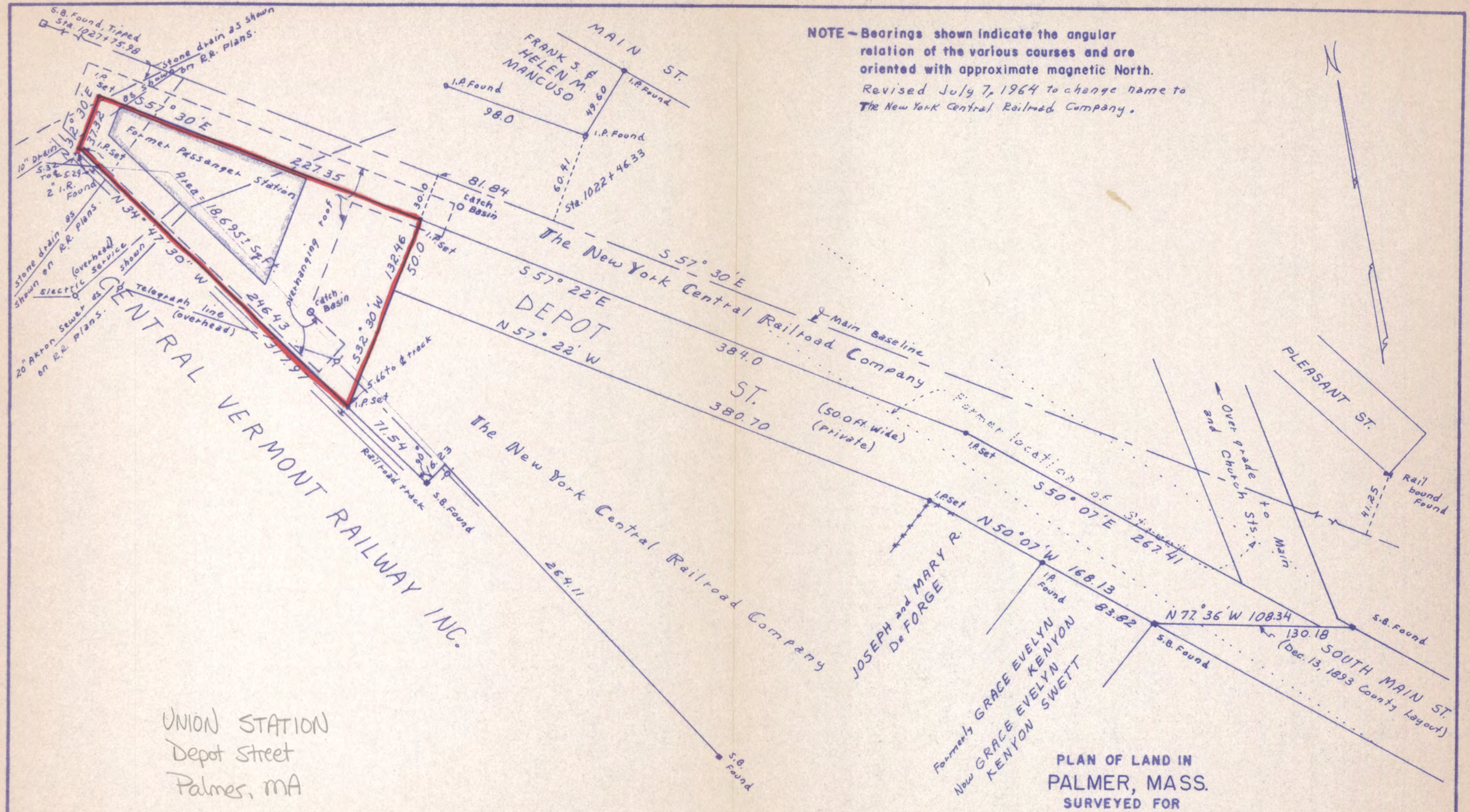
Looking west towards the rear (east) elevation

JUL 12 1977

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NOTE - Bearings shown indicate the angular relation of the various courses and are oriented with approximate magnetic North.
Revised July 7, 1964 to change name to The New York Central Railroad Company.



UNION STATION
Depot Street
Palmer, MA

PLAN OF LAND IN
PALMER, MASS.
SURVEYED FOR

BRUNO TASSINARI

Scale 1" = 60'

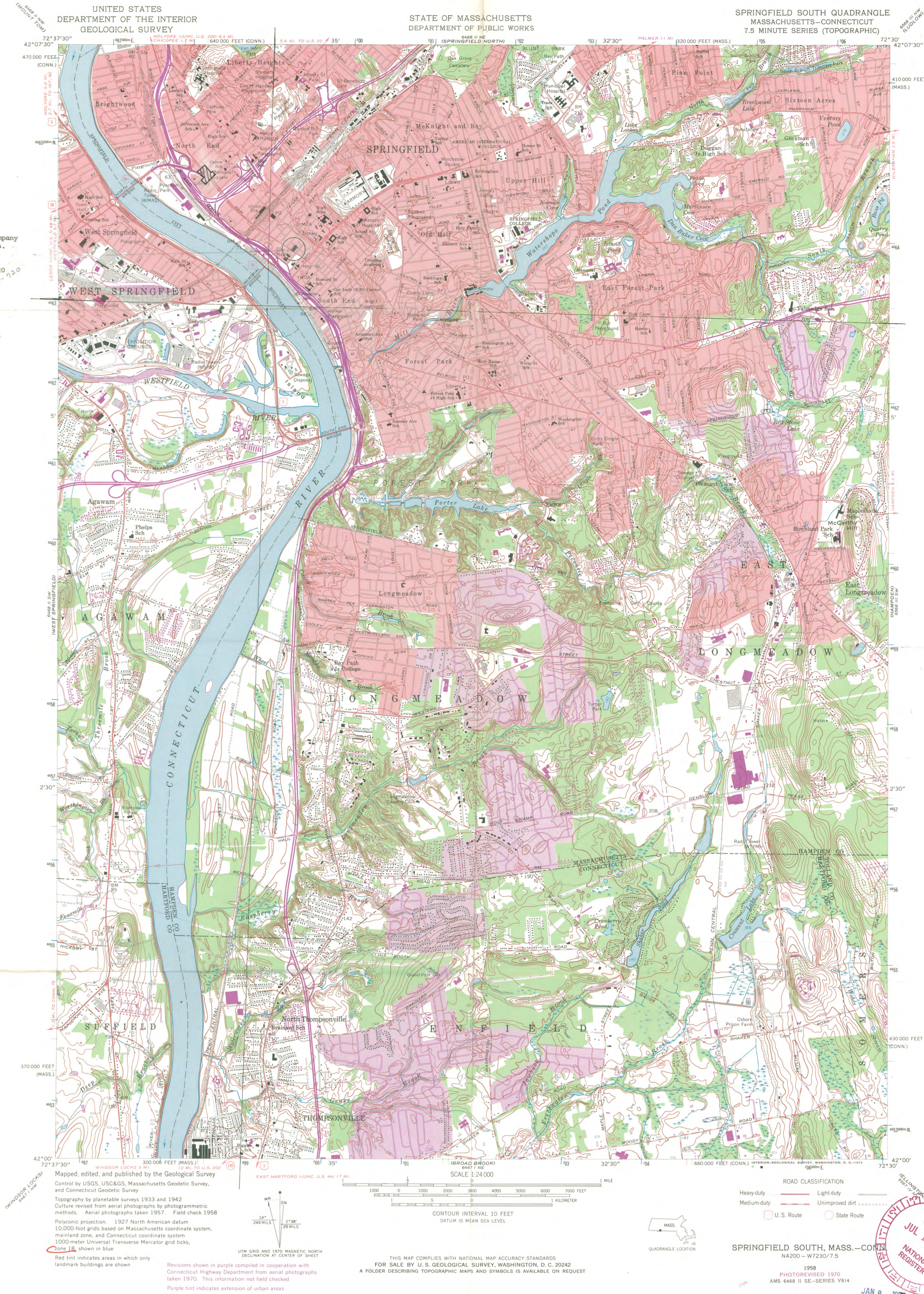
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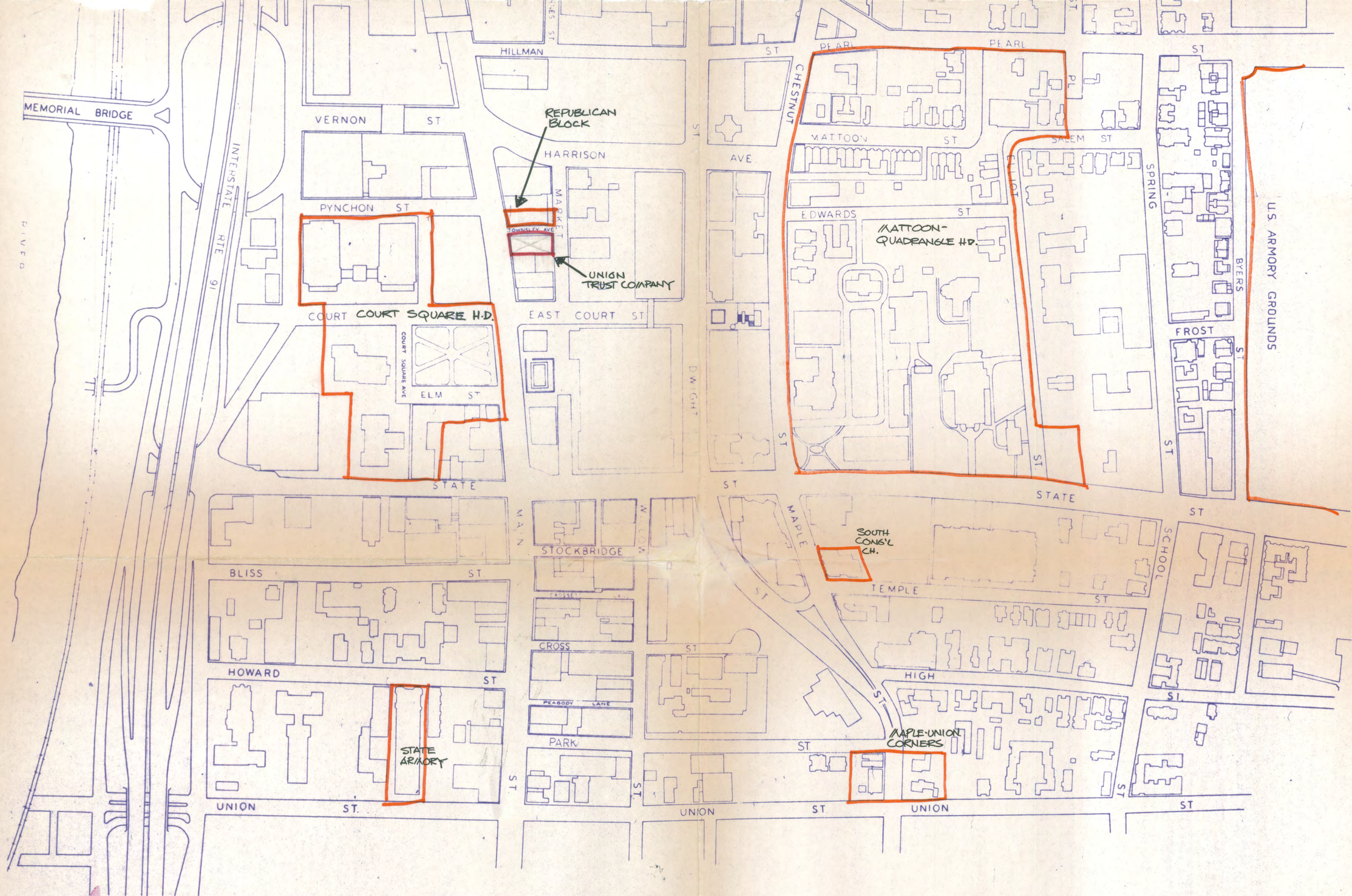
KENNETH C. SHERMAN ENGINEER-SURVEYOR PALMER, MASS.

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Union Trust Company
Springfield, MA.
UTM Reference:

18/699320/463720
463-720





Union Trust Company
Springfield, MA.

Property Sketch Map
see legend

Properties in orange are NR listed or recent
nominations

JUL 12 1977

JAN 9 1978

DOWNTOWN

PREPARED BY CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS



SCALE
IN FEET

0 100 200 300

NOVEMBER, 1975



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Secretary of the Commonwealth *294 Washington Street* *Boston, Massachusetts 02108*
(617) 727-8470

July 7, 1977

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register of Historic Places
OAHP
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Weston, Abel Allen House
2. Chelmsford, Fiske House
3. Newton, Nathaniel Topliff Allen Homestead
4. Springfield, Union Trust Company

These properties have been reviewed and voted by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Amadon.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JAN 9 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hasty Pudding Club	Cambridge Middlesex County
Union Trust Company	Springfield Hampden County
Allen, Nathaniel Topliff, Homestead	Newton Middlesex County
Allen, Abel, House	Weston Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. Edward P. Boland
Hon. Robert F. Drinan

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

1/12/78

Mott/js

880

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Union Trust Company Building		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: JAN 9 1978	4 county code: 13
5 LOCATION street & number 1351 Main St.		city / town Springfield	vicinity of	state MA	county Hampden
6 NPS REGION: NA					
7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)				8 ADMINISTRATOR:	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2nd	
12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		if state who prepared form?			
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		15 ACREAGE ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated ☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated		17 features: ☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9			
18 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14		☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20	
☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)		22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		24 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
26 architectural style(s):		27 architect:		28 master builder:	
29 engineer:					
30 landscape architect / garden designer:		31 interior decorator:		32 artist:	
33 artisan:		34 builder/contractor:			
35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					
36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP					