

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	51

Town Springfield
 Address 194-206 Chestnut^{and} 115-125 Lyman St
 Historic Name Produce Exchange Building
 Original Owner Andrew Whitney (SDS MRA)

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

Photo number _____

Use: Present commercial
 Original commercial

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1899

Source SDR, 12-30-99, p. 5

Style 20th century Commercial Facade

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

new facade 1926

Moved no Date _____

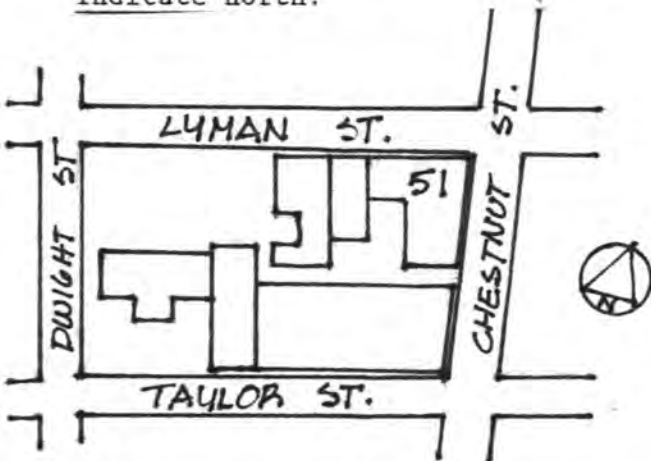
Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; occupies corner

Location at Chestnut and Lyman; adjacent to railroad and freight warehouses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Ed Lonergan and Fred Clark ed by Candace Jenkins (MHC)
 Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date 1979

Assessor's Map # 16
 UTM Reference: 18/699130/4664260
 Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Produce Exchange is a four story L-Shaped block which occupies the busy intersection of Chestnut and Lyman Streets. it is constructed of red brick and stands out because of its yellow trim - storefronts, beltcourses and wide diamond patterned entablature. The 1899 building was extensively and expensively remodeled in 1926 and presently provides a clear reflection of that design. It remains as one of the largest and most intact blocks of its period in the downtown.

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

The Produce Exchange Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Constructed in 1899 by Andrew Whitney, it was first referred to as the city's produce exchange center in 1908; as such it played an important role in the city's commercial history during the 20th century. The building meets criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

This block was first referred to as the Produce Exchange Building in 1908. It has served as the center of the Wholesale produce and fruit, with a great number of firms having located here over the years. During the years of 1925 and 1926 an extensive remodeling took place. \$15,000 was expended to rebuild the facades on Chestnut and Lyman Streets.

The building's role as the center of the wholesale produce trade was appropriate to its location close to the railroad freight yards. The grocery trade was a key aspect of the local economy and relied heavily on regular railroad service well into the 20th century.

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

Springfield Daily Republican, December 30, 1899, p. 5
Building Department, Building Permits
Springfield Street Directories

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 _____

Geographic name _____

UMT 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 *D. 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
received
date entered

Continuation sheet Item number Page 3 of 5

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 Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 22. Produce Exchange Building Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- x 6/24/83
 23. Edisonia Theater Block ~~Substantive Review~~ Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Han Doug 5/27/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
 Attest _____
- ✓ 24. Baystate Corset Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 25. Smith's Building Substantive Review Keeper Bruce Han Doug 2/29/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 26. Y.W.C.A. Building Substantive Review Determined Eligible Keeper Bruce Han Doug 2/29/83
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
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- ✓ 27. Driscoll's Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 28. Fitzgerald's Stearns Square Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
- ✓ 29. Trinity Block Entered in the National Register for Keeper Melona Byers 2/24/83
 Attest _____
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 30. Kellogg's Envelope Block Substantive Review Keeper _____ S + T
 Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Produce Exchange Building (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
 RETURN
Entered in the 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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Quadrangle name _____

USIT References _____

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51 Downtown Springfield MRA, Ma
Produce Exchange Building

Produce Exchange Building
15# Chestnut St. #51
1"=50' Springfield MA

