

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Slocum and Olympia Buildings  
and/or common Times and Olympia Buildings (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 908-912 and 880-898 Purchase Street N/A not for publication  
city, town New Bedford N/A vicinity of  
state Massachusetts code 025 county Bristol code 005

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Olympia Associates Trust  
street & number 628 Pleasant Street  
city, town New Bedford N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bristol County Registry of Deeds  
street & number 11 Court Street  
city, town Taunton state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets  
title of the Commonwealth #311, 308 has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1978  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission  
city, town Boston state Massachusetts

## 7. Description Times and Olympia Buildings, New Bedford, Massachusetts

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Times Building (1897) and Olympia Building (1921) are abutting masonry commercial blocks which occupy the western half of the block formed by Purchase Street (west), Middle Street (north), Acushnet Avenue (east) and Elm Street (south) adjacent to the Central New Bedford Historic District (NR; 1980). Both buildings conform to the topography of their site which slopes to the rear (east); the lower eastern half of the block, presently vacant, is not included in this nomination. They are adjacent to the Central New Bedford Historic District, but have lost much of their sense of physical connection through urban renewal activities.

Originally known as the Slocum Building, the Times Building of 1897 stands five stories high and extends 40½ feet (three bays wide) on Purchase Street and 100 feet (eight bays wide) down Middle Street. It is rectangular in plan and occupies the southern portion of the Purchase Street Block; its design is the work of local architect Nathaniel Cannon Smith.

Essentially unaltered since its construction, the Times Building (Purchase Street and Middle Street elevations) was described in an Evening Standard news article of 1897 in the following manner:

It is to be built of grey Roman brick 12½ inches by 4 inches with trimmings of Berea, an Ohio limestone. The foundation will be of Rockport granite . . . The first and second story windows are especially arranged for exposition purposes, the first story has five large French plate glass windows which will excell in width any show window in New Bedford. . . The windows of the upper story are arranged with an arcade treatment resting on Doric pilaster caps which lose themselves on the construction surface of the brick and as the building is surmounted by a rich [overhanging] cornice, its exterior will be very pleasing to the eye.

The windows of the upper three stories are 1/1 arranged in pairs, each surmounted by a splayed limestone lintel with keystone. At the upper (fifth) story, a moulded stringcourse spans the building below the windows. Both the Purchase Street elevation storefronts (recently restored) and the Middle Street facade retain their original simple brick piered window treatment.

The two secondary elevations (south and east) are simply and functionally designed exhibiting a coarser brick construction material which is punctured with irregularly placed segmentally arched windows and service entrances.

Occupying the southern three-quarters of the block, the Olympia Building of 1921, designed by Mowl and Rand of Boston, also stands five stories

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tall, although slightly shorter than the Times Building. Constructed of pressed red brick with limestone trim, it follows an L-plan, fronting 143 feet on Purchase Street and 100 feet on Elm Street. Together with the Times Building, it forms a U-shaped structure whose rear elevations form a service court with vehicular access.

The Olympia Building's primary elevation is basically symmetrical and contains storefronts at ground level (see below) separated from the upper four stories by a moulded limestone stringcourse. Supported on the string course are bas-relief limestone urns which delineate six major bays with groups of three 1/1 rectangular windows on each story. Ornamentation of the second, third and fourth story windows creates a rhythmic pattern and consists of limestone sills and lintels with brick voussoirs and limestone keystones; fifth story windows are framed above and below by narrow limestone stringcourses. The building is finished at the roof line with limestone decorative panels and a dentilled overhanging cornice.

Located slightly off-center to the right on Purchase Street, the main entry consists of a fairly narrow arched recessed doorway with coffered intrados. The second story window above the entry displays limestone trim with a broken segmental arch; the fourth story window is surmounted by a decorative carved swag motif, also of carved limestone.

The Olympia Building's polished granite storefronts have been altered several times since the 1920s. Current renovation plans include removal of later additions and restoration of the original storefronts.

Since the interior of the Olympia building has changed very little, it is worth quoting the original description the paper gave:

The entranceway will have a terrazo floor with marble wainscoting in the hallway running to the center of the building, where will be located two elevators furnishing service to the occupants of the building. On each floor the elevator landing will admit to a large hall. The halls and corridor floors will be of ceramic tile, while the office floors will be of marble. The stairways in the building will be of iron with marble treads.

## 8. Significance Times and Olympia Buildings, 908-912 and 880-898

Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass.

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1897; 1921 **Builder/Architect** Nathaniel Cannon Smith (Times Bldg.)

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Mowl and Rand (Olympia Bldg.)

The Times and Olympia Buildings possess integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The Times Building, designed by a prominent local architect, Nathaniel C. Smith, was the home of the Times newspaper from 1909 to 1932. The Olympia Building, important on its own merits as a fine local example of Georgian Revival architecture designed by the firm of Mowl and Rand, takes on added importance when considered in relation to the Times Building. Both buildings were considered of special significance to New Bedford at the time of their construction and played a linking role in the northward development of the downtown at the turn of the 20th century. The Times and Olympia Buildings thus meet criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Construction of the both the Times and Olympia Buildings reflects New Bedford's second era of prosperity at the end of the 19th century, when a well entrenched cotton textile industry rejuvenated the city's failing whaling economy. This new wealth produced a building boom which lasted from the 1890s through the 1920s, creating a new commercial district set back from the waterfront.

Both buildings were constructed on the site of the Greek Revival Parker House Hotel (1834, Russell Warren), which by 1896 comprised a full block from Elm to Middle Streets with a main entrance facing Purchase Street. The Parker House was built for John Avery Parker, New Bedford's first millionaire; a contemporary account cited it as "the finest house ever built in the city" and "the most successful adaption of Greek temple architecture as applied to a dwelling, to be found in this country."

Converted to commercial use in 1842, the Parker House was one of two grand hotels in a then cosmopolitan New Bedford. During 1874 both President Ulysses S. Grant and King Kalakaua of Hawaii stayed there on visits to the city. Later, the hotel was the site of a yearly ball for whaling captains before the fleet departed for a season in the Arctic. By 1897, however, the hotel had seen its best days and a wing of the complex, located on the corner of Purchase and Middle Streets, was sold to Francis R. Slocum, a local furniture merchant, for development to house his expanding business.

Slocum demolished this wing and on Friday, February 19, 1897, the Evening Standard announced plans for a new \$40,000 building on the site. Over an architect's rendering of the building, the headline read, "The Slocum Building Will be the Tallest Edifice in the City." The location was

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

City of New Bedford Building Department Records.

New Bedford Standard Times Library.

The Centenary of the Merchants National Bank, Zephaniah W. Pease, New Bedford, Mass. 1925, pp.12-13. (Continued)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name New Bedford North, Mass.

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UTM References

A	<u>1</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3</u> <u>39</u> <u>5</u> <u>30</u>	<u>46</u> <u>10</u> <u>9</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination consists of the Times Building and Olympia Building structures only. Please refer to assessor's map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
	N/A		
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

Virginia A. Fitch, Preservation Planner, with Peggi Medeiros,  
name/title Office of Neighborhood and Historic Preservation, New Bedford

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date March, 1983

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

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 Patricia L. Weslowski

title State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 5/26/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 7/7/83

J. Melores Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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called "without doubt one of the best in the city," and "the second most valuable location on Purchase Street." The architect for the project was Nathaniel Cannon Smith, New Bedford's premier designer of the period. In addition to the Times Building, Smith designed the New Bedford Textile School, the Dunbar and Greene Schools, the Carnegie Library in Brockton, the YMCA in Fall River and numerous private homes. His most important work was renovations in the Egyptian Revival style of the Town Hall and Market Place (now the New Bedford Free Public Library) after a fire destroyed the interior of the building in 1905.

Slocum's furniture store remained a fixture on Purchase Street until 1908 when it closed, and a year later the Times newspaper moved into the building. The Times was founded in 1902 by Boston interests as a Sunday paper; on March 25, 1905 it became a daily edited by Charles E. Wood (later Federal Labor Arbitration Commissioner). Soon thereafter, according to a Standard Times library clipping, "the growing newspaper took over the Slocum Building, as it was then called . . . . This became the Times Building, a landmark fondly remembered by the many newspaper men who worked there in times past and have gone elsewhere. The removal to its enlarged home was encompassed at one jump, on a double holiday of July 4 and Sunday 1909. Bag and baggage, press, linotypes, desks, pastepots and scissors all moved bodily over to the Times Building."

In 1932 during the height of the Depression, the Times was purchased by Basil Brewer, publisher and owner of its competitor, the Evening Standard; the papers merged to form the Standard Times, which is today the only newspaper of any size in New Bedford. The Times ceased publication, stating proudly, "In all its vicissitudes, the staff takes pride in recalling the Times never missed an edition from the day of its start." The Evening Standard remarked, "The loyalty of Times men has been a by-word in newspaper circles."

During the 1920s, the Times Building lost the Parker House as its neighbor and gained the Olympia Building. On February 4, 1920, the Evening Standard headline read, "Parker House Has Been Sold/Property Bought by the Gordon Interests/Owners of Several Theaters." The paper went on to say, "It is assumed that ultimately the buildings on the site will be razed and a modern business and theatrical block erected. The Gordons are owners of the Olympia theater which is across the street from the Parker House." The hotel closed its doors forever on March 20, 1920.

On March 14, 1921, the newspaper announced plans for the Olympia Building on the front page; headlines ran under a sketch of the building and read, "Will be Four Stories High/Olympia Building to Contain Six Stores Fronting On Purchase Street/Three Stories Will Have 24 Offices in Each

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Floor -/To Cost \$500,000." After explaining that the Olympia Construction Company would build the complex for the Olympia Theatres Incorporated from a design of Mowl and Rand, architects, of Boston, the paper described the impact the new building would have on downtown New Bedford: "This will be one of the largest office buildings in the city and in its completeness modern in every way. The building complete will represent an investment of about \$500,000, and will be an important link in connecting up the center of the city and in the extension of the business center toward the north." Although early reports had indicated that a theater would be included in the new building, this proved not to be the case. The Olympia Theatre directly across the street must have made a second theater's success seem unlikely.

From the time of its completion the ground floor shops and seventy-two offices of the Olympia Building have been one of the most popular commercial rental locations in New Bedford. Presently the ground floor stores contain two restaurants, a newspaper office and, on the corner of Purchase and Elm Streets, the Olympia Market, which is the last grocery store in the downtown.

The Times Building was sold in 1954 to Charles Elias, a local businessman, who operated the Whale Furniture store on the first floor. In 1957 Elias renovated the office space and in January 1958 ran a large newspaper advertisement inviting businessmen to "Establish Your Office at the Busy Corner Diagonally Across from the Central Bus Station and from the Olympia Theatre." The Times Building was billed as having the "Most Modern Offices in Southeastern New England." Mr. Elias had installed new heating and air conditioning systems, new elevators which were "automatically operated day or night," acoustic ceilings and "distinctive wood paneling" in the offices.

Both the Times and Olympia Buildings narrowly survived early 1970s urban renewal plans which resulted in the demolition of the Olympia Theatre and the bus terminal, along with several other blocks on Purchase Street.

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Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

"The Olympia Times Building," Unpublished report, New Bedford Office  
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Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 8 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84  
Date Due: 7/7/83 - 7/23/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 7/7/83  
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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  excellent  good  fair  
 deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  
Check one  unentered  altered  
Check one  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below \_\_\_\_\_

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- 8 100
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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



The Olympia Building  
888 Purchase Street  
New Bedford, Mass.  
Photographer H. Jay Carney  
May 1983 - Negative at Claremont  
Company, New Bedford, Mass.  
Photo #1 of 4  
Purchase & Elm St. Facades



Olympia Building -888Purchase St.  
Times Building - 930 Purchase St.  
New Bedford, Mass.  
Photographer H. Jay Carney  
May 1983 - Negative at Claremont  
Company, New Bedford  
Photo # 2 of 4 - Olympia Bldg.  
foreground - Times at far left



The Olympia Building  
888 Purchase Street  
New Bedford, Mass.  
Photographer H. Jay Carney  
May 1983 - Negative at Claremont  
Company, New Bedford, Mass.  
Photo # 3 of 4 Detail restored  
store corner Purchase & Elm



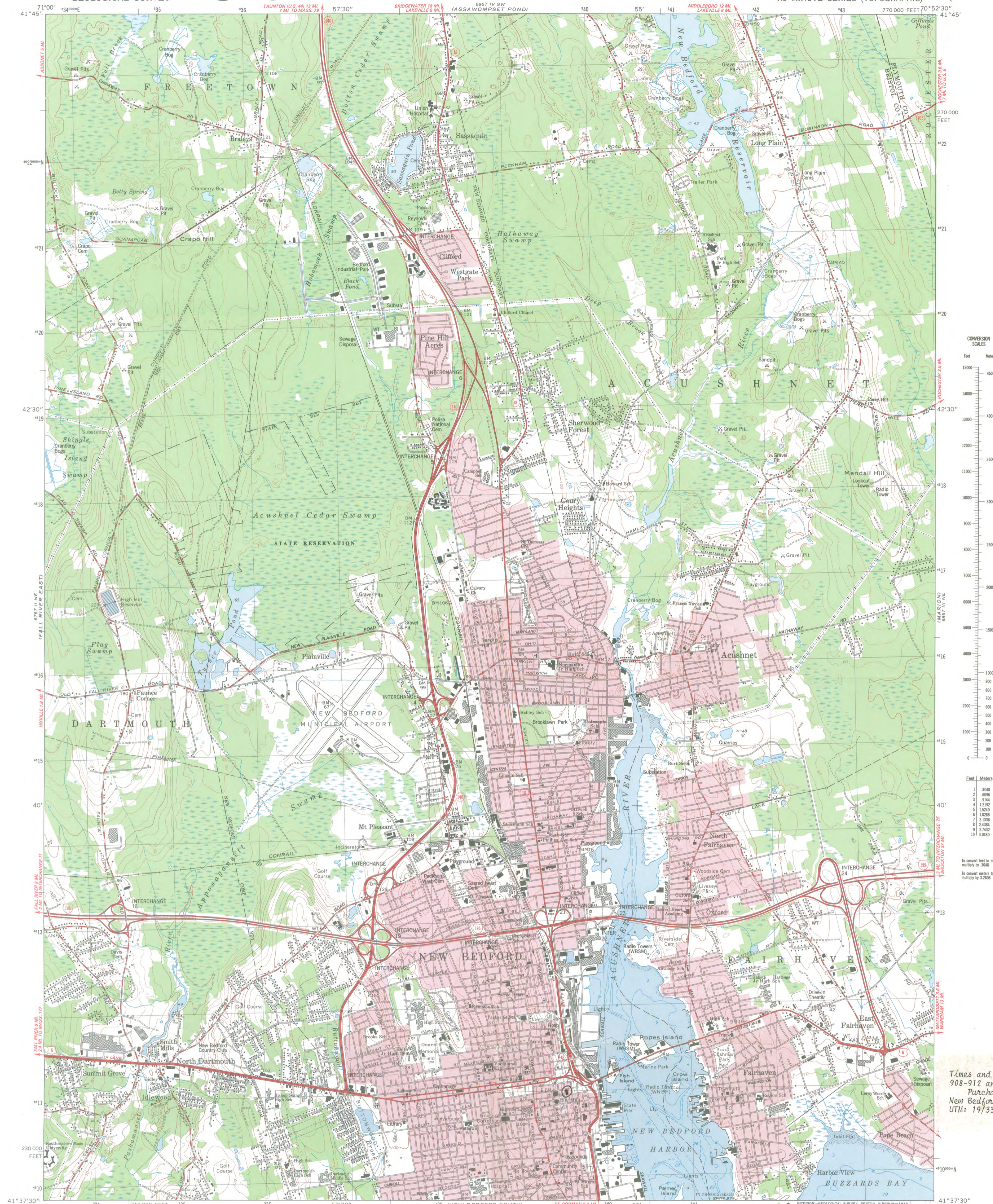
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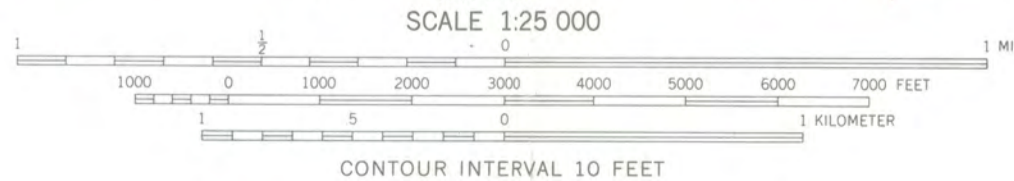
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The Olympia Building  
888 Purchase Street  
New Bedford, Mass.  
Photographer H. Jay Carney  
May 1983 - Negative at Claremont  
Company, New Bedford, Mass.  
Photo #4 of 4 Detail Restored  
entrance Olympia building



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Purchase Street  
New Bedford, MA  
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Topography by planetable surveys 1936. Revised 1964  
Revised 1975 from aerial photographs taken 1974  
Field checked 1975. Map edited 1979  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS 353 (1973)  
This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American Datum  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 6 meters south and  
42 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 19  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information furnished by  
Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of  
the National or State reservations shown on this map



DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.7 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway hard surface  
Secondary highway hard surface  
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

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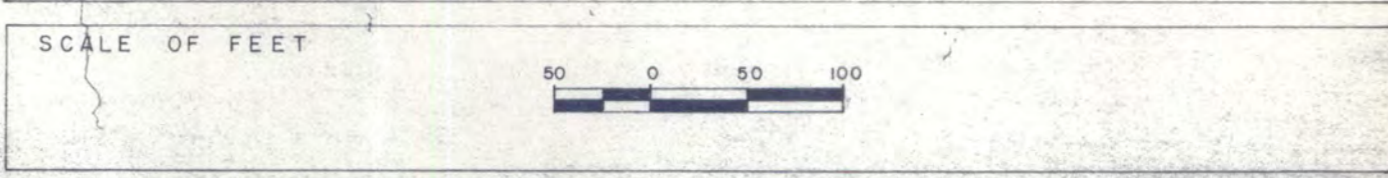
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City of New Bedford, Massachusetts  
Office of Neighborhood and Historic Preservation

# CENTRAL NEW BEDFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT

The preparation of this map was aided through Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the provision of Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.





1204 Purchase Street  
City Hall Annex  
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740  
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City of New Bedford  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

December 2, 1982

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Ms. Candace Jenkins  
Registration Director  
The Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The New Bedford Historical Commission at a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, December 1, 1982, voted unanimously to recommend that the Times/Olympia buildings be added to the National Register Central New Bedford Historic District. Both buildings are of significant historical and architectural importance and the Commission feels they are worthy of inclusion in the adjacent historic district.

A full report recently prepared by the Office of Neighborhood & Historic Preservation is attached to this letter for your information.

If you have any questions on the buildings please contact our Commission Secretary, Peggi Medeiros, who conducted the research for the Office of Neighborhood & Historic Preservation.

Very truly yours,

Richard C. Kugler  
Commission Chairman

RCK/bl

Attachment

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The  
**CLAREMONT**  
Company, Inc.

CLAREMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.  
CLAREMONT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.

THE DUFF BUILDING  
628 Pleasant St. Box. 6001, New Bedford, MA 02742  
(617) 992-4200

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

April 25, 1983

Ms. Valarie Talmage,  
Executive Director/  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer  
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02108

RE: OLYMPIA AND TIMES OFFICE BUILDINGS  
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

Dear Ms. Talmage:

We are in receipt of your March 28, 1983 notification that the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be considering the above referenced properties for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at the May 11, 1983 Commission meeting to be held in Salem, Massachusetts.

As Owner and Property Manager of both buildings, please be advised that we wholeheartedly endorse these nominations. Furthermore, if these buildings are placed on the National Register, it is our intent to perform a massive restoration of both structures and to apply for a Historic Certification Application. We are enclosing for your review a brochure on our Firm, along with additional background information. To date, The Claremont Company, Inc. has successfully completed ten buildings with final historic certification approval and has an eleventh pending in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

If any additional information is required from the Owner of these buildings, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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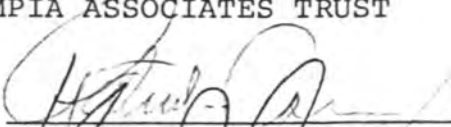
Ms. Valarie Talmage,  
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION


April 25, 1983

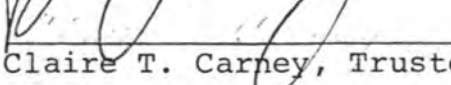
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Yours truly,

OLYMPIA ASSOCIATES TRUST

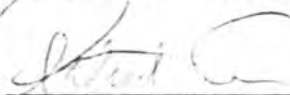
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by:   
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by:   
Peter R. Rioux, Director

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