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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Spencer Town Center Historic District (preferred)

and or common Spencer Main Street Historic District

2. Location

street & number Main Street between High and North Streets
Multiple (see District Data Sheet) N/A not for publication

city, town Spencer N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code D25 county Worcester code 027

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple (see owners' list)

street & number

city, town Spencer N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester District Registry of Deeds

street & number Main Street

city, town Worcester state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Area A
has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description

Spencer Town Center Historic District, Spencer, Massachusetts

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	(text)	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Spencer Town Center Historic District encompasses 50 commercial, civic, religious, and residential structures along Main Street from just west of Elm Street to North Street. Though it served as the business and civic center of Spencer since 1743 when the meeting house, training ground, and cemetery were established, the area today reflects, for the most part, the town's growth in the second half of the nineteenth century. It remains Spencer's commercial and institutional core today.

Spencer is a large upland community located in central Worcester County, on the Seven Mile River. Most of the town lies between 800 and 1,000 feet above sea level, with several drumlins rising to almost 1,100 feet. The town is drained by a number of streams. The town center ranges along both sides of northeast/southwest-running Main Street, and sits on several of Spencer's low hills. A small stream, flowing south from the manmade Cider Mill Pond, bisects the district.

The hills on which Spencer was built cause Main Street to meander, allowing only for short vistas but creating a dramatic entrance to the district from the east with the present Denny Hall (1857, map #26) and Congregational Church (1863, map #24) stand on either side of the road. Both of these elaborate frame structures were designed by Elbridge Boyden of Worcester. Between this point and Maple Street are the former homes of many of Spencer's prominent citizens (now converted to offices) interspersed with civic structures such as David Prouty High School (1888, map #23, now Prouty Junior High School), Memorial Town Hall (1926, map #13), and the Fire Station (1883, map #14). Though most of the commercial and industrial structures are concentrated west of Maple Street, two such buildings remain at the eastern end of the district--the former E. Jones and Company boot shop (ca. 1860-1880, map #29, now Lacair Lumber) and the Spencer Bank Block (1875, map #34).

Commercial buildings are concentrated in the area between the Town Hall and Elm Street, where the land gradually levels out as one proceeds west. The Kingsley Block, a large late nineteenth century brick building at the southwest corner of Main and Elm Streets (map #50), and a Second Empire-style mansion (map #1) and small mid-20th century diner (map #2) at the northeast corner of Main and High Streets mark the western boundary of the district. Between the Town Hall and the Kingsley Block are commercial and industrial buildings of brick and frame construction dating from the 1860s to the 1910s. The oldest commercial building in the district is probably the Marsh

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Block (map #37) at the southeast corner of Mechanic and Main Streets. A large frame structure with a contemporary two-story frame barn, it was built between 1856 and 1870. Spencer's industrial heritage is apparent in the old Bacon Kent and Co. Boot Shop (map #44) at 136 Main Street, one of the best-preserved factory buildings remaining in town.

Following are descriptions of some of the key and representative buildings in the district.

Erastus Jones House, 186 Main Street (ca. 1845, map #31).

The Erastus Jones House is the best-preserved example of several Greek Revival-style houses in the district. It is a modest three-bay, frame structure, L-shaped in plan, with a front-facing gable. The house retains its Doric corner pilasters, molded window enframements, 6/6 sash, front entryway with 3/4-length sidelights, and an unusually broad pediment enclosure. Within a decade, a bracketed verandah with chamfered posts was added.

Asa T. Jones House, 182 Main Street (ca. 1856, map #32).

The Asa Jones House is a fine example of the Italianate style. It is a building with a traditional five-bay double-pile plan, with two interior chimneys. The central entry is graced with an elaborately arched, flat-roofed porch and a similar porch shelters the entry to a single-story side ell. Windows are 6/6, with bracketed and dentilated hoods. Both the main block and two-story rear ell are lavishly ornamented with closely spaced brackets, sawtoothed cornice, and dentils. Quoins emphasize corners throughout the building. A 2 1/2-story frame barn is equally well preserved. It too is adorned with brackets.

Denny Hall, Main Street (1857, map #26).

This building, erected as a high school, was designed by Worcester architect Elbridge Boyden. It is a two-story Italianate building of frame construction that features a bold gable-end main facade with a recessed front entry sheltered by a two-story loggia with double entrances on the first floor. Pilasters frame the building and flank the loggia. A round-headed window with deep, bracketed hood is set within the gable. A minutely detailed, multiarched cupola surmounted by a balustraded dome and punctuated with urns sits atop the ridge. The building originally stood on the site of the Prouty Junior High School (map #23), but was moved ca. 1880 to its present location nearby.

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E. Jones and Company (now Lacair Lumber), 194 Main Street (ca. 1860-1880, map #29).

Despite some alterations and the recent, unfortunate application of vinyl siding on one portion of the building, the Jones shoe factory building retains many of its original features, including paired brackets on end gables, banks of simply enframed 6/6 windows, and corner pilasters.

First Congregational Church, Main Street (1863, map #24).

This imposing structure was also designed in the fashionable mid-Victorian classical Italianate mode by Elbridge Boyden of Worcester. The building is frame, with a raised rusticated basement and clapboard upper stories. It has a front-facing gable roof and inset tower. The double-pedimented and bracketed south (main) facade is capped with a six-stage tower with spire; stages are embellished with such decorative elements as quoins, keys, carved consoles, balustrades, and registered quoins. The interior pediment frames a deep keystone and arch above a rose medallion window. Corinthian pilasters grace the facade, supporting a deep entablature; they frame the first bay of windows on the side elevations. Windows on the main facade are round headed, and both paired and singly set, while those on the side are set within elaborately molded hoods. A low wing to the east was added in the 1950s. The church stands on the site of Spencer's 1771 meetinghouse, which burned in 1862.

Hezekiah Starr House, 185 Main Street (ca. 1868, map #21).

This five-bay Second Empire-style house with mansard roof is dominated by a flat-roofed, bracketed porch that includes a polygonal extension at its eastern end. The central entrance contains a pair of double doors within a round arch. Windows are fully enframed, and topped by bracket-supported lintels, and the deep cornice features paired brackets finished with drops. Projecting from the mansard roof are round-arched dormers, also bracketed: three on the main facade, two on each of the sides. The house includes a contemporaneous two-story rear ell, and a turn-of-the-century single-story side ell. The lot also holds a 1 1/2-story 19th century barn.

Spencer National Bank Block, 172-174 Main Street (1875, map #34).

The Spencer National Bank Block was built in 1875. Prominently sited at the corner of Main and Maple Streets, it is one of the most

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imposing commercial structures in the town center. It housed the National and Savings banks as well as several merchants' offices. The three-story, brick Italianate-style building has retained its original wooden storefront, a rarity in downtown Spencer. The building is elaborately detailed with a polychromed pedimented parapet crowned by a finial; heavily corbelled cornice with paired brick brackets; brick segmental-arched surrounds on third-story windows and corbelled lintels on the second story; and sandstone coping, belt-courses, and sills throughout. A diamond-shaped date plaque is located above the pointed-arch entryway, and round and elliptical arches enframe the doors and windows.

Bacon, Kent and Company, 136 Main Street (1875, map #44).

Known also as Bacon, Young and Co., and J. E. Bacon, this brick building was erected in 1875, apparently as the new boot factory building for Bush and Grout. Though there is a modern storefront addition projecting from the main facade, the 4 1/2 story brick building is otherwise intact, and is one of the finest former boot shops left in Spencer. The mansard roof is punctuated by elaborately embellished dormers, while windows on the second and third floors are topped with segmental arches. A multiplaned, corbelled brick is used for the building's cornice; brickwork is present as well between the second story's five bays.

Frank E. Dutton House, 204 Main Street (1876, map #28).

The Dutton House is another example of the Second Empire style, but with evidences of late 19th century remodelling. A Colonial Revival-style porch across the full front facade continues around on both side elevations. At the central bay, the porch is echoed with a similar, flat-roofed balcony on the second story. The roof is punctuated with elaborately enframed dormer projections from the plane of the mansard. The dormers feature ornately carved pilasters supporting a bracketed gable hood. The central dormer is especially elaborate and shields an inset balcony. A stickwork screen further embellishes this dormer's gabled roof. The building retains a fine mansarded barn, 2 1/2-stories in height, its roof clad in scallop-patterned shingles (as is the house). Window enframements repeat those on the house. The hay door (now a window; the barn has been converted into a residence) is set within a single cross gable, asymmetrically placed, on the main facade.

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Universalist Church, 8 Linden Street (1882, map #52).

The former Universalist Church (currently George Saad and Son) was designed by renowned Worcester architect Stephen C. Earle and built in 1882. Typical of Earle's work are the bold geometric forms of which the church is composed. The brick building is Romanesque in detail with round-arched windows and doors accented with sandstone trim. The building was deconsecrated in the early 20th century.

Spencer Fire Station, Main Street (1883, map #14).

Spencer's fire station is a sandstone-trimmed brick building, notable particularly for its asymmetrically placed brick hose-drying tower, surmounted by a belfry. Sited with its gable end with corbel table to the street, the building has sustained changes on the first story and at one time contained three arched bays--only the crowns of those bays are visible today.

138 Main Street (ca. 1885, map #43).

The brick commercial block at 138 Main Street is simply articulated, with granite lintels, sills, and a broad, continuous lintel above the storefronts. The flat roof is fronted by a granite-trimmed parapet. The main elevation is distinctive for its asymmetrically placed fenestration composed of two bays of paired windows and a third single-window bay. Like most of Spencer's commercial buildings, the ground story has been altered.

Richard Sugden Public Library, Pleasant Street (1888, map #6).

The Sugden Public Library is a fine example of the Richardsonian Romanesque. Built of brick, with sandstone trim, the building displays many of the typical elements of the style, including low, arched entry porch, massive square tower with colonnaded windows, bell roof, and enormous acorn finials, a quarter-round stairtower, and roof trimmed with decorative flashing. The building rests on a foundation of cut granite. It has sustained little alteration on either exterior or interior.

David Prouty High School, Main Street (1888, map #23).

Despite a 20th century rear addition and the removal of its corner towers, the former high school (now junior high school), funded by Spencer manufacturer David Prouty, retains the heavy massing and

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spare detail typical of the Romanesque Revival style. The building is multigabled, with projecting porches, towers, and bays. Its facade includes a basement-level entrance within a low sandstone arch; while steps above lead to the building's main-floor entryway. Sandstone is used for sills, quoins, keys, and coping.

Auto Showroom, 116 Main Street (ca. 1915, map #49).

A single-story brick building that remains associated with the auto industry, this building retains its integrity as a small, pre-World War I Classical Revival commercial auto showroom. Its large storefront windows are framed with pilasters, its parapet finished with a classical entablature.

Memorial Town Hall, Main Street (1926, map #13).

Spencer's Memorial Town Hall was designed by George C. Halcott and constructed in 1926. Built in the Colonial Revival style, it has a monumental Doric order entrance colonnade with parapet fronting a grand, three bay entrance. A four-stage clock tower with finial-topped cupola is centered above the entrance; the first stage is topped with a balustrade. The brick building has stone string courses. Inside is a large rotunda with plaques commemorating Spencer war veterans.

Intrusions

The two major intrusions are the Shopper's Village on the site of the old Isaac Prouty Boot Shop, and a group of small modern stores at the southwest corner of Main and Maple where the old Union Block used to stand. Though noncontributing, the new Spencer Savings Bank should be noted as an excellent example of modern design sympathetic to its historic surroundings. Synthetic siding has hidden parts of several other buildings.

Archaeology

While no prehistoric archaeological sites are recorded within the district, several have been reported that are in close proximity. While it is likely that sites were present, the intense level of development and relatively small size of lots suggests that the likelihood of significant prehistoric survivals is low. These factors suggest as well that the potential for significant historic

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sites is also low. Most evidence of the town's 18th and early 19th century development appears to have been destroyed by later building construction. Some of the residential properties that retain yards may still have occupation-related features (privies, trash pits, wells) that could add significantly to the understanding of the town's social, cultural, and economic development during the 19th century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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				(Community Development)

Specific dates 1713-1929 **Builder Architect** various

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Spencer Town Center Historic District, the commercial and institutional core of a late 19th century manufacturing community, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, and association. The district contains 47 commercial, institutional, and residential properties lining Main Street in the center of Spencer; 40 of these structures contribute to the district's integrity. Architecturally, the district is significant for its assemblage of well-preserved mid- to late-19th century structures constructed in a variety of popular Victorian styles. Included are several examples by well-known Massachusetts architects. Early 20th century structures displaying complementary detail and style are also included within the district's bounds. Historically, the district is significant for its associations with industrialization--in particular, the shoe industry--and with the manufacturers who thrived in this small upland community. Retaining much of its 19th century scale and detail, the Spencer Town Center Historic District thus fulfils Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

Originally part of the Leicester 8-mile grant of 1686, Spencer did not experience initial settlement until after 1713, when the area now known as Spencer was reserved for proprietor profit. In 1713, each proprietor received two lots of 250 acres each, followed by meadow and upland division in the 1730s. Proprietors soon began to sell their land, and the town's first settler, Nathaniel Bemis, built on Main Street near the western border (outside the nominated district). The neglect of this area by the residents of Leicester, plus increasing population, led to agitation for independence, beginning in 1741. Spencer became a parish in 1744, and was granted district status in 1753. The town center developed along the Great Post Road (now Main Street)--a meeting house, taverns and homes were erected in and near the present town center by the mid 18th century. There are no survivals from this period within the district, although the town's original cemetery (first burial 1742) is within the district boundaries. Small mills of various types were established throughout Spencer in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries but the town remained primarily agricultural, characterized by dispersed farmsteads, throughout the 18th and early 19th century. Spencer was incorporated as a town in 1775.

Sited on several large and small streams, Spencer was aptly suited

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 25

Quadrangle name Leicester

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UTM References

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

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H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification
(See continuation sheet)

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date February 1986

street & number 80 Boylston 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 Valerie A. Taenige
title Executive Director date May 17, 1986
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Entered in the National Register

for Alvin Byer date 6-26-86
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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for water-powered industries. In addition to several saw- and grist mills, early and small-scale industries--including two spinning mills erected in the town center in 1810 and a wire works established on Turkey Brook in 1812--were located outside the nominated district, which is comprised essentially of mid to late 19th century commercial, institutional, and residential buildings. In 1817, Josiah Green established a shoe and pegged boot manufactory on Main and Greenville Streets, to the northeast of the nominated district. Two early 19th century industrial ventures within the town center were the pegged boot and shoe manufactories of Charles Denny and Isaac Prouty, which were established in 1838 and 1859, respectively (neither is extant; the latter site is now occupied by a mid 20th century shopping plaza). Prouty's factory was at one time the largest shoe factory in town, being by the mid-19th century a four-building complex of brick and frame that included two large manufacturing buildings and a pair of enormous warehouses.

The arrival of the Western Railroad in South Spencer and the completion of that line from Boston to Albany in 1841 spurred Spencer's manufacturing interests. The small woolen cloth, shoe, and wire mills that had been established in the first part of the century expanded into major concerns in the second half.

Spencer experienced its greatest period of growth and prosperity between about 1865 and 1892. After the Civil War, manufacturing in Spencer expanded rapidly. Boot and shoe factories sprang up along Main and its cross streets. Between 1865 and 1890, over 5,600 people were added to Spencer's population, 2,000 of them arriving during a five-year period (1875-1880). The construction of a branch line of the Boston and Albany railroad from South Spencer to the town center in 1878-1879 contributed to the town's expansion.

In 1892 a labor dispute and strike at the shoe factories resulted in the permanent closure of many of the smaller shops and encouraged the consolidation of others. The manufacture of footwear continued, however, to be an important industry in Spencer well into the twentieth century.

The Spencer Town Center Historic District is a cohesive group of buildings representing the town's emergence into the industrial revolution that swept New England in the nineteenth century.

Accompanying the town's industrial growth were a number of public buildings and fine residences clustered along Main Street. Many were erected by, or with the help of, the town's industrialists.

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Charles Edwin Denny, for example, had built a fine Greek Revival-style house at 188 Main Street in 1844. After serving an apprenticeship to Josiah Green at Green's boot factory, Denny established his own manufactory in 1838. He expanded his business numerous times until he retired in 1855. (His shops are not extant.) Before his death in 1856, Denny endowed the town with money for the completion of a new high school, later called Denny Hall (map #26). This fine Italianate-style building, designed by Elbridge Boyden, was completed in 1857. David Prouty's house, built in 1851 in the Greek Revival style, stands across the street from Denny's house at 175 Main Street (map #18). It is now the American Legion Post. Prouty was an entrepreneur of diverse interests. In 1840 he purchased the wire works of Hannah Hatch to the north of the town center, switched to farming in 1846, and finally moved to town in 1851 and entered Charles Denny's boot firm a year later. Prouty endowed the town with money for the Romanesque Revival-style high school that was completed in 1888 (map #23).

Four other residential buildings on Main Street were also occupied by shoe manufacturers, all of whom were associated with E. Jones and Company, 194 Main Street (map #29). In 1841, Asa T. Jones began manufacturing shoes in the old Livermore house at the northeast corner of Main and North streets (just outside the district boundaries, extant). His younger brother Erastus joined him several years later. Asa's Italianate-style, pre-1856 house survives at 182 Main (map #31), while Erastus' ca. 1845 Greek Revival-style house and barn stand adjacent to it, at 186 Main Street (map #32). More lavish post Civil War houses reflecting the success of shoe manufacturing during and after the war are also within the district: the next generation of housing is illustrated in 185 and 204 Main Street (map #s 21 and 28, respectively). Both are very large and elaborate in plan and finish, and both have retained their barns. The Second Empire-style house at 185 Main was owned by Hezekiah P. Starr, who was admitted into the Jones firm in 1862, when Asa T. Jones retired. His house was built ca. 1868. Frank E. Dutton, who built 204 Main Street, also Second Empire in style, in 1876, had established his own boot factory in 1867 in Spencer, but sold his interest in it in 1870 and entered E. Jones and Company in that year. Dutton was one of the founders of the Spencer National Bank, which, along with the Spencer Savings Bank, was located in the 1875 Italianate-style Bank Block (map #34), one of the earliest and most imposing commercial buildings in the town center.

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The factory building owned by the Joneses et al. still stands at the corner of Main and Linden Streets and exhibits Italianate industrial-style details. The north wing of the building (facing Main Street) was constructed in 1860. The rest of the four-story frame structure was put up over the next twenty years as the firm expanded. It now houses the Lacair Lumber Company.

In addition to the E. Jones and Co. factory, two other large shoe manufacturer's buildings remain standing. 126 Main (map #46) was occupied by E. E. Kent and Co. for many years. The building was constructed in 1877 on the site of the first Universalist Church, which had been used by Kent as a boot shop. The second structure, at 136 Main (#44), is in much better condition. Built on the site of the old Bush and Grout factory in 1875, the business was owned by John Edward Bacon. The other principals in the firm changed rather frequently but included at various times I. L. Prouty, M. A. Young, and a member of the Kent family.

In 1876, the completion of a railroad branch line for the Boston and Albany Railroad from Spencer Depot in the southwest corner of the town to Spencer Center (with a depot between Elm and Mechanic Streets, south of the nominated district) both reflected the growing importance of the town's commercial and institutional center and stimulated further expansion. A number of important commercial blocks remain from this period of successful industrialization. The Marsh Block (map #37), at the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets, was completed between 1856 and 1870. The rambling frame structure and its barn retain their mid-nineteenth century character in spite of the stucco that has been applied to the western portion of the building. The previously mentioned Bank Block (map #34) with two banking facilities--the Spencer Savings Bank (established 1871) and Spencer National Bank (established 1875) was a necessity in a town that grew as quickly as Spencer did in the post-Civil War era. Along with the banks, the building housed several small shops. The Ames Block (map #47) at 124 Main Street was apparently completed one year after the Bank Block, in 1876. In that same year, Mr. Comins and Mr. Ames were assessed taxes on their new store. The storefront of the two-story brick structure has been altered, but it has retained its commercial Romanesque appearance on the second floor, with its corbelled cornice and stone sill and belt-courses. James H. Ames remained in the dry goods business until the early part of this century. In addition, commercial structures were also erected at 163, 185, 124, and 126-130 Main Street. A new town hall was built in 1872 (demolished 19??), though it was replaced in 1926 by the Colonial Revival-style Memorial Town Hall.

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The 1880s saw several large brick structures donated to the town for various purposes by some of its civic-minded and wealthy industrialists. In addition to the above-mentioned David Prouty High School, the Sugden Block (map #5) and Richard Sugden Public Library (map #6), both completed in 1888, were two such structures. Richard Sugden amassed his fortune in wire production. In 1847, Sugden purchased a small wire drawing mill in an area of rural Spencer that came to be known as the Upper Wire Village. His business grew steadily and in 1876, Sugden purchased the wire works of Liberty Prouty in the Lower Wire Village, consolidating the operations into the Spencer Wire Company. Sugden, determined that Spencer's youth should have access to a free library, donated not only the library, but also the business block, in order to ensure that the revenue from the latter would make the former self-sustaining.

Several ecclesiastical buildings were also constructed within the district during Spencer's heyday. The First Congregational Church was built in the Italianate style in 1863 (map #24), replacing the first meetinghouse (1771), which burned in 1862. In the early 1880s, the rejuvenated Universalist Church commissioned Worcester architect Stephen C. Earle to design a church--the Romanesque Revival-style building was erected on Linden Street, at the edge of the district, in 1882. A Baptist Church, built of brick on the corner of Main and Ash Streets (outside the nominated district) in 1885 was razed ca. 1909.

A Romanesque Revival-style brick fire station, now somewhat altered, was the only municipal structure to be erected during the late 19th century. It is one of the few late 19th century fire stations surviving in central Massachusetts.

Marking the western boundary of the District is the 1898 Kingsley Block (map #50). Arthur Eugene Kingsley was trained as a carpenter and joiner in Rockville, Connecticut. In 1883 he established his business in Spencer where he not only dealt in furniture, but came to be the leading undertaker in the area. His new block was first assessed in 1898, when it was valued at \$12,000.

An 1892 strike by shoe workers forced a number of small manufacturers out of business and consolidated others (including the

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Prouty and Bacon enterprises). Yet Spencer continued to grow. By the close of the 19th century, Spencer had become a regionally significant commercial center (supporting more than ninety retail establishments in 1905). From 1891 to 1925, an electric trolley system ran sporadically down Main Street, uniting Worcester, Leicester, and Spencer. No remnants of this system are today in place. The leading industry, boot and shoe manufacturing, continued to increase through the period. By 1900, sales totalled nearly \$3 million, and employment was over 1,400. The major firm remained that of Isaac Prouty & Company, which also operated its own tannery .

A period of steadily declining population occurred between 1890 and 1920. However, the value of manufactures continued to increase, indicating the impact of increased mechanization and increased product value. By 1920, production in Spencer was valued at nearly \$6 million; the number of persons employed was about the same as in 1885 (1,300), however. By 1920, Main Street had become part of the main Boston-New York auto route; one building in the district is a direct reflection of this development: the present-day Budget Auto (map #49), a single-story Classical Revival-style building that appears to have been built ca. 1915 as an auto showroom or garage. Its large storefront windows are framed with pilasters, its parapet finished with a classical entablature. A new town hall (map #13), built in the Colonial Revival style in 1926, is the last institutional building to have been built in the district. It was designed by George C. Halcott, superintendent of public buildings in Worcester for 21 years and responsible for numerous buildings in Worcester County .

Following the First World War, Spencer sustained a slower economic growth, but recorded a population increase for the first time since the 1880s. By 1920, the town ranked 16th in Worcester County in manufacturing, while other towns and cities surpassed it in growth. The Depression seriously affected the town's economic health and halted population growth. No construction occurred in the district into the 1940s, with the exception of the Kenwood Diner (map #2), moved to Spencer from Worcester in 1946 and an excellent example of the once ubiquitous dining car.

Spencer remains a town of light industry, though those operations have moved out of the town center. Main Street within the District bounds is still a vital, but somewhat rundown, streetscape. Recent activities bode well for the town center, including an enthusiastic response to the statewide City and Town Commons program, the creation of storefront rehabilitation grants, and the reemergence of the local historical commission as an active body.

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10. Verbal Boundary Justification

See attached assessor's map for boundary lines of district. Note that the right-of-way and house to the north of the Sugden Library (#6) on assessor's map U 13, lot 119, and the house at the north end of lot 101, map U 13 (Massasoit site, #4) are not included within the district. They relate to residential Pleasant Street rather than to Main Street. Otherwise, district boundaries correspond with rear lot lines.

The district encompasses the commercial core of Spencer, which dates primarily from the mid to late nineteenth century. The area bounded roughly by High and North Streets is distinct from the less congested and predominantly residential portion of Main Street to the east, and from the residential and scattered twentieth century commercial structures to the west. The side streets within the district boundaries are either primarily residential or have undergone extensive alteration and therefore have not been included in this nomination. Three properties within the district do not have Main Street frontage. All three are linked with the concept of the district as well as with the properties that separate them from Main Street. These properties are the Richard Sugden Public Library (#6), the old Town Cemetery (#25), and the former Universalist Church (#52).

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET

Spencer, Massachusetts

1.

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Style</u>
1		95 Main Street	ca. 1870	Second Empire
2	Kenwood Diner	100 Main Street	1945	NC
3		99 Main Street	mid 20th c.	NC
5	Sugden Block	117 Main Street	1888	Romanesque Revival
6	Sugden Public Library	Pleasant Street	1888	Richardsonian Romanesque
7		125 Main Street	ca. 1834	Greek Revival
8		135 Main Street	ca. 1870, with 20th c. alterations	NC
9		137 Main Street	ca. 1856	Greek Revival
10		141 Main Street	ca. 1875	Italianate
11		143 Main Street	ca. 1875	Italianate
11a		145 1/2 Main St.	ca. 1875	Vernacular Victorian
12		145 Main Street	ca. 1926	Colonial Revival
13	Memorial Town Hall	Main Street	1926	Colonial Revival
14	Fire Station	Main Street	1883	Romanesque Revival
15		159 Main Street	early 19th c.	Federal
16	United Methodist Church	Main Street	1943-1951	NC

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2.

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Style</u>
17		163 Main Street	1888	Queen Anne
18	David Prouty Hse	175 Main Street	1851	Greek Revival
19		177 Main Street	ca. 1899-1904	Queen Anne
20		181 Main Street	mid 20th c.	NC
21	Hezekiah Starr House	185 Main Street	ca. 1868	Second Empire
23	Prouty Jr. High School	Main Street	1888	Richardsonian Romanesque
24	First Congregational Church	Main Street	1863	Italianate
26	Denny Hall	Main Street	1857	Italianate
27		208 Main Street	mid 20th c.	NC
28	Frank Dutton House	204 Main Street	1876, with late 19th c. alterations	Second Empire, with Col. Rev. alterations
29	E. Jones & Co.	194 Main Street	ca. 1860-1880	Vernacular Victorian
30	Charles Denny House	188 Main Street	1844, with late 19th c. alterations	Greek Revival/ Queen Anne
31	Erastus Jones House	186 Main Street	ca. 1845	Greek Revival
32	Asa T. Jones House	182 Main Street	ca. 1856	Italianate

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3.

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Style</u>
33	Spencer Savings	176 Main Street	1981	NC
34	Spencer National Bank Block	172-174 Main St.	1875	Italianate
35		162-170 Main St.	mid 20th c.	NC
36		158 Main Street	ca. 1834-1856	Fed./Greek Rev.
37	Marsh Block	152-154 Main St.	ca. 1856-1870	Italianate
38		150 Main Street	ca. 1834-1856	Greek Revival
39		148 Main Street	ca. 1870	Italianate
40		144 Main Street		NC
41		142 Main Street	ca. 1910	Vernacular Commercial
42		140 Main Street	ca. 1910	Vernacular Commercial
43		138 Main Street	ca. 1885	Vernacular Commercial
44	Bacon Kent & Co. Boot Shop	136 Main Street	1875	Second Empire
45		132 Main Street	ca. 1880, with extensive 20th c. alterations	NC
46	E. E. Kent & Co.	126-130 Main St.	1876	Second Empire
47	Ames Block	124 Main Street	1876	Romanesque Revival

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<u>Map #</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Style</u>
48		120 Main Street	ca. 1910	
49	Auto Showroom	116 Main Street	ca. 1915	Classical Revival
50	Kingsley Block	102-108 Main St.	1898	Vernacular Commercial
51	Shoppers World	Main Street	20th c.	NC
52	Universalist Church	8 Linden Street	1882	Romanesque Revival

Spencer Center Historic District
Spencer, Mass.

Property Owners List

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Re: 126-130 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 148 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Barbara Boschette
34-3 Yorkshire Terrace
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Morton White
73 Flagg St.
Worcester, MA 01608

Re: 124 Main St., Ames Blk
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 144 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Christie-Thompson, Inc.
120 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Morton White
73 Flagg St.
Worcester, MA 01608

Re: 120 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 142 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Owen Weagle
116 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Morton White
73 Flagg St.
Worcester, MA 01608

Re: 116 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 140 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Morton White
73 Flagg St.
Worcester, MA 01608

Re: 102-108 Main St.
Kingsley Block
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 138 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

George Saad
8 Linden St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Re: 8 Linden St., Universa-
list Church
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 136 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Harvey Goldstein
16 Willowbrook Ln.
Worcester, MA 01608

Esther Cardin St. Germain
25 Greenville St.
Spencer, MA 01562

Re: Shoppers Village
Spencer Center Historic
District

Re: 134 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Spencer Memorial Town Hall 155 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry 47 Lincoln St. Spencer, MA 01562	Mr. Joseph Sullivan, Jr. 5 Hilton Ave. Worcester, MA 01609
Re: Main St., Soldier's Memorial Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 172-174 Main St. Spencer Bank Block Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 204 Main St., Liberty Guest House Spencer Center Historic District
Spencer Memorial Town Hall 155 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Cumberland Farms 170 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Joseph Sullivan, Jr. 5 Hilton Ave. Worcester, MA 01609
Re: Main St., Prouty Jr. High School Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 170 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 204 Main St., Barn Spencer Center Historic District
Spencer Memorial Town Hall 155 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	John's Pizza 162 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Roger Lacaire 1 Salem St. Spencer, MA 01562
Re: Main St., Fire Station Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 162 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 194 Main St., Lacaire Lumber Spencer Center Historic District
First Congregational Church Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Dr. Roland Gaudette 158 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Charles Meleche 188 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562
Re: First Congregational Church Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 158 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 188 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District
Town of Spencer Cemetery Commission 155 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Wilfred Breault 25 Paxton Rd. Spencer, MA 01562	David Suter 186 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562
Re: No. St., Old Cemetery Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 152-154 Main St. Marsh Block Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 186 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District
William & Phyllis Ekleberry 47 Lincoln St. Spencer, MA 01562	Wilfred Breault 25 Paxton Rd. Spencer, MA 01562	Spencer Savings Bank 176 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562
Re: Main St., Denny Hall Spencer Center Historic District	Re: Marsh Block Barn Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 182 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District
Mrs. Frank Pion 208 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562	Robert & Madelaine Lucier 54 Wilson St. Spencer, MA 01562	Spencer Savings Bank 176 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562
Re: 208 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 150 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District	Re: 176 Main St. Spencer Center Historic District

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: 95 Main St.,
Spencer Center Historic
District

William & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: 100 Main St., Ken-
wood Diner
Spencer Center Historic
District

Wm. & Phyllis Ekleberry
47 Lincoln Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: 99 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Mrs. Jewel Quinn
80 Salisbury Street
Worcester, Mass. 01609
RE: Massasoit Hotel site,
stables
Spencer Center Historic
District

Spencer Memorial Town Hal
155 Main Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: 117 Main St., Sugden
Block
Spencer Center Historical
District

Spencer Memorial Town Hal
155 Main Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: Pleasant Street,
Sugden Public Library
Spencer Center Historical
District

Richard & Evelyn Fowler
6 Lincoln Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562

RE: 125 Main Street
Spencer Center Historic
District

Wiek-Qua-Boag Weekly
135 Main Street
Spencer, Mass. 01562
RE: 135 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Mrs. Pelly Gauthier
Ayers Rd.
No. Brookfield, MA 01535

RE: 159 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

United Methodist Church
Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: Main St., United
Methodist Church
Spencer Center
Historic District

Robert & Barbara Pillsbury
Maple St.
E. Brookfield, MA 01515

RE: 163 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

American Legion
175 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 175 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Marion Adams
177 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 177 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Catherine Fanning
181 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 181 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Blais Berthiaume
185 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 185 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

David Suter
186 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 186 Main St., Barn
Spencer Center Historic
District

Robert Lussier
54 Wilson Street
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 137 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

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Spencer, MA 01562

RE: 141 Main St.
Spencer Center Historic
District

Edward & Gracia Thibeault
No. Spencer Rd.
Spencer, MA 01562

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Memorial Town Hall
155 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: Main St., Memorial
Town Hall
Spencer Center Historic
District

Memorial Town Hall
155 Main St.
Spencer, MA 01562

RE: Main St., Fire Station
Spencer Center Historic
District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Spencer Town Center Historic District
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 5127/86
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 6/26/86 - 7/11/86
Action: ACCEPT 6-26-86
 RETURN
 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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 _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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: _____



Name: Denny Hall

Address: Main st.

Town: Spencer Map#: 26

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View to southwest



Name: Congregational Church, Prouty
Junior High School

Address: Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 23, 24

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View to northwest



Address: 185 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #:21

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

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View to northeast



Egan's Place
HAIRDRESSING BARBERING
WIGS AND PERMANENTS

SPENCER PRINTING CO.

159 MAIN ST.
Atty Insurance Agency Inc
James H. Meloche Jr. Atty
Nelson J. Ezen Atty

Name: Lacair Lumber (E. Jones & Co.)

Address: 194 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 29

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View to southeast



WEST NORTH
49-31
BIRDFIELD
PALTON
EAST
WINCHESTER

PAVING
ANY WORK
CALL 222-5555
24 HOURS

NO 67

Name: Memorial Town Hall, Fire Station

Address: Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 13, 14

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View north from Maple st.



Name: Spencer National Bank Block
Address: 170-174 Main st.
Town: Spencer, MA Map #34
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84
Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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View to southeast



Address: 137, 141 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 9, 10

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View to northeast from Mechanic st.



Arms-Rite

Video Library

AMT RECORDS

Address: 152-154 Main st. in foreground
Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 37--
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84
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South side of street, view west.



TERRY'S CARDS & GIFTS

EXPERT
BICYCLE
&
MOPED
REPAIRS

ST. VINCENT
de PAUL
THRIFT STORE
←

Saratoga
Public
Library

Address: 136, 138 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 43, 44

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files

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View west, 138 Main in foreground



THE
PETAL
PUSHER
BY WIFE FLOWERS

Cormier
JEWELERS

Radio
Shack

31
←

Address: 132 Main st. in foreground
Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 45, 46--
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84
Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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South side of Main st., view west from
Pleasant st.



Address: 95, 100 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 1, 2--

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '84

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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North side of street, view east. Sugden
Block in background



Address: 8 Linden st.
Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 52
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '83
Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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View to northeast. Front facade.

Address: 186 Main st.
Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 31
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '83
Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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View east.



Address: 182 Main st.

Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 32

Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '83

Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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View to southeast. Barn to 186 Main
in background.



Address: Pleasant st.
Town: Spencer, MA Map #: 6
Photographer: N.P. Small, Oct. '83
Neg: Spencer Historical Commission files
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View of west (front) facade of Richard
Sugden Public Library.

Spencer Town Center Historic District
Spencer, Massachusetts

Leicester Quadrangle
Scale: 1:25,000
UTM References:
A: 19/253380/4681410
B: 19/253400/4681160
C: 19/252930/4680790
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E: 19/253280/4681400



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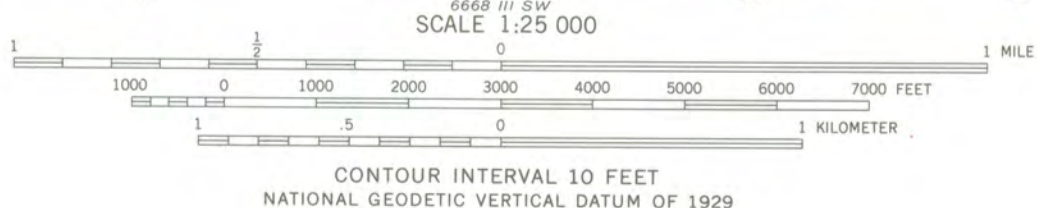
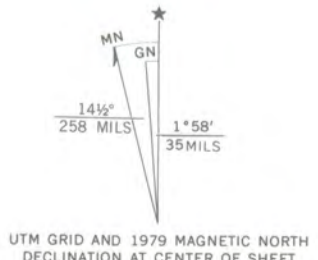


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7	21336
8	24384
9	27432
10	30480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by 3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
zone 19

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject to
controlled inundation to 501 feet by Hodges Village Dam and
524 feet in Buffumville Reservoir
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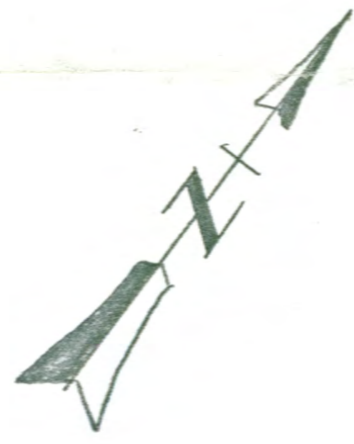
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather



QUADRANGLE LOCATION
MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER COUNTY
LEICESTER QUADRANGLE

LEICESTER, MASS.
N4207.5—W7152.5/7.5
1969
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6668 III NW—SERIES Y814

SCALE IN FEET
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Spencer, Massachusetts

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SPENCER SAVINGS BANK

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March 26, 1986

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

At a meeting of the Board of Investment of the Spencer Savings Bank held on March 26, 1986 at which a quorum was present, it was voted that the Bank object to listing property located on 176 Main Street in Spencer, Mass. d/b/a Spencer Savings Bank in the National Register of Historic Places with regard to the Spencer Center Historic District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed the seal of said corporation.

SPENCER SAVINGS BANK

By: Richardson K. Prouty
Richardson K. Prouty, Clerk

Then personally appeared the above named Richardson K. Prouty as Clerk of the Board of Investment of the Spencer Savings Bank and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Spencer Savings Bank, before me,

Lorraine C. Harvey
Lorraine C. Harvey
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/15/88



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March 26, 1986

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

At a meeting of SPENSABANK, Inc. held on March 26, 1986 at which a quorum was present, it was voted that they object to listing property located on 182 Main Street in Spencer, Massachusetts in the National Register of Historic Places with regard to the Spencer Center Historic District.

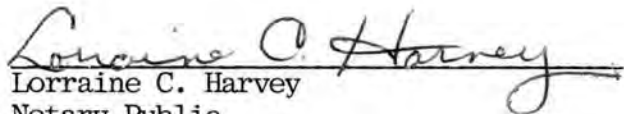
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name below on behalf of SPENSABANK, Inc.

SPENSABANK, INC.

By:


Charles H. Meloche, Jr., Clerk

Then personally appeared before me the above named Charles H. Meloche, Jr. as Clerk of SPENSABANK, Inc. and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of SPENSABANK, Inc., before me,


Lorraine C. Harvey
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/15/88



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Valerie A. Talmage
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 19, 1986

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Beverly, FISH FLAKE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT (BOUNDARY INCREASE), roughly bounded by Cabot, Bartlett and Water Streets, 152 properties.

Holyoke, NORTH HIGH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT, located along High Street between Dwight and Lyman Streets, 38 properties.

✓ Spencer, SPENCER TOWN CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT, Main Street between High and North Streets, 50 properties.

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zimmerman

Sarah Zimmerman
Director, Preservation Planning
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Enc.

MAY 27 1986