

ref no 20000611

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	130-CBD-46

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

Roll 27

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

1. Town Worcester

Address 600 Main Street

Name Dabcock Block

Present use commercial/vacant

Present owner Palace Realty Inc.
Kenneth R. Stanhope

3. Description:

Date ca. 1860-1870

Source city atlases

Style granite post & lintel facade

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric granite/brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features structural granite from
(apparently not a facing over brick
arched window muntins, tie-rod
plates on south wall

Altered store front Date 1960s

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size Assessors' Book 3, p.19A
Lot 11-- 2,558 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 25'

Approximate distance of building from street
10'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date November 1977

UTM
19/268640/4682290

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) C.B. Babcock (1871)

Original use commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

A rare local example of granite construction, the Babcock Block's trabeated granite facade is unique in Worcester. The block is five stories high with elevations facing Main and Austin Streets. Facade windows of the third, fourth and fifth stories are glazed with double-hung sash, the top halves of which have arched muntins. The block's Austin Street elevation is faced with pressed brick and heavily studded with star-pattern tie-rod plates. Except for its modernized store front and the replacement of some second storey sash, the Babcock Block is intact. It is likely that the block was built around the same time as the neighboring Colton Block (Form 130-CBD-45) for Chester Babcock, a building mover whose house was at #2 Austin Street. The building's earliest known occupant was J.R. Emery & Co., grocers (188).

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

Worcester Illustrated Business Guide (1880), p.78.

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

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

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

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

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.

130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.

102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bps need to be discussed with State.

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

OTHER

ACCEPT
MAD/DAK/gh
2/28/80

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

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + state. DOUBLE}

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

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

KEEPER

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

Soldha
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



30 AUG 1979

130-CBD-46
Babcock Block
600 Main St
Worcester MA, Ma
South & east
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304