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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Hampden
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUL 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
City Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Market Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicopee

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2nd

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025 COUNTY: Hampden CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Chicopee

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall-Market Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicopee

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
55 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Springfield

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

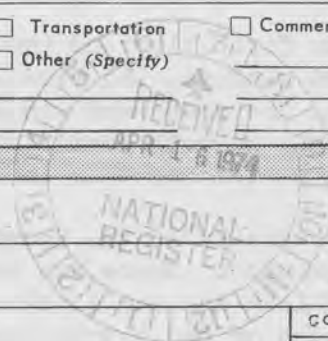
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston 617-727-8470

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chicopee City Hall, ^{c. 1871,} dominates Market Square where four streets converge to cross the Chicopee River and the Dwight Mills Canal. Two old hotels of similar vintage to City Hall, and part of the original Dwight Mills, are situated opposite on the same square.

City Hall is a brick Romanesque Revival structure showing major influences of Romanesque church building and the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. Resting on a granite foundation, it has a ridge roof with gable end to the street and a gable on both the north and south elevation pavillions. The facade is five bays wide, the side pavillions are three bays wide, and the clock tower, located at the southwest corner of the building, is one bay wide and deep. The facade, the side pavillions, and the clock tower all form a cohesive visual unit. On the facade, a tri-arched entrance portico opens onto an iron balustraded piazza with side stairs (the original stairs were semi-circular.) The portico arches are supported by Corinthian-type columns topped by capitals no two of which are alike. On the first floor of the facade, there is a narrow arched window to either side of the portico. Above each of these windows is a tall narrow arched bay divided into four sections: a lower double arched window topped by an oculus, topped by another double arched section topped by an oculus. Directly above the entrance portico is a 7-arch bay topped by a large rose window, which is in turn topped by an oculus.

On the first floor of the north and south pavillions, there are three narrow arched windows, the middle one containing a double arch. (On the south pavillion, the southwest window is in the clocktower). Above these first floor windows, on both pavillions, is a larger arched stained glass bay; on the south pavillion, this is topped by a small oculus.

The voussoirs of the facade and pavillion arches alternate with brownstone and granite. There are two stringcourses which enclose the facade, the side pavillions and the clocktower. One is granite and extends around level with the caps of the portico columns; the other is dentiled brick and separates the first from the second floor. This latter stringcourse continues along the north and south elevations at a slightly lower level.

A second granite stringcourse extends around the entire building, intersecting the second floor window caps. Windows on the first floor of the side elevations have segmental arches and are 2/2 sash with a vertical division. The vertical division is continued above in the second floor bays which are double arched, topped by geometrical tracery and a granite keystone. All of the City Hall's second floor windows are stained glass, and all light a large hall which seats 900 people. Slightly arched windows are set into the granite foundation of the building on the north and south sides.

A double row of curved brick dentils encircles the building at the cornice level. Unadorned brick pilasters separate the second floor bays and define the building's four corners. The building originally had two rows of chimneys along its ridge roof, but these were removed when central heating was installed. The tower is consciously patterned after the Palazzo Vecchio.

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(Number all entries) City Hall, Chicopee

7. DESCRIPTION

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Topping it is a gold eagle weathervane, weighing 54 pounds and with a wing-span of 7'. A clock, installed in 1888, faces out on three sides. Also housed in the tower is a bell which was used in the past on public occasions and as a fire alarm.

A City Hall Annex was erected in 1929; it is attached to the rear of City Hall by a 2 story fully enclosed brick bridge above a service driveway. The design of the Annex is visually compatible with City Hall; both are brick with rusticated granite foundations, and their decorative cornice brickwork is very similar.



6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1871

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

City Hall has, for many years, served as one of the major landmarks in the City of Chicopee. Situated in Chicopee Center, in historic Market Square, it is one of the few extant reminders of Chicopee's heritage. It continues to hold both a practical and aesthetic place in the lives of the townspeople.

In 1869 the town of Chicopee purchased land from the Ames Manufacturing Co. on which to build a town hall. Mr. James T. Ames was chosen chairman of the Building Committee, which consisted of prominent members of the community. The architectural design was done by Charles Edward Parker of Boston, and was intentionally patterned after the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. This similarity gives it a uniqueness among other Massachusetts town halls of the period.

The work on City Hall (then the Town Hall) began in early 1871. Bricks used in the construction were made and furnished by Charles McClallan, who also furnished bricks for the nearby Dwight Mills. The metal railings, hinges, fittings, and the eagle weathervane were all cast at the Ames Manufacturing Co., famous for Ames swords used during the Civil War. The building was completed and dedicated in December 1871. It was used as a Town Hall until the city was incorporated in 1890. For many years, the front steps and portico were used for the inaugurations of Chicopee's mayors.

City Hall has, throughout its history, been used and enjoyed by both prominent Chicopee citizens and the public. It has hosted such famous visitors and speakers as: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Mann, Charles Dickens, and Frederick Douglas.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Everts, Lewis, History of the Connecticut Valley, Philadelphia, 1879.
2. Szetela, Thaddeus, Chicopee, Chicopee.
3. "The Chicopee Herald", Centennial Issue, Chicopee, May 29, 1948.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	42	08	52 1/2
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	72	36	25
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director, By Mindy Arbo

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 8/14/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: John F. X. Davoren
Honorable John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Title: Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission
Date: 4/10/74

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

AR Montross
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/30/74

ATTEST:
W. J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register
Date: 7-29-74

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PROPERTY City Hall STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 4.16.74.604

Hampden

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 2
MAPS 2

CONTROL REVIEW
OK

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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN is there a district here? - NO,
according to Betty Amadon - the other bldgs.
are too far away.
ACCEPT Huyand 7/11/74 * Accept
Jan Sherman 7/10/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Accept
Cole
7/26/74

BRANCH CHIEF
interesting architectural form
for a town hall.
Accept
Herring
7/29/74

KEEPER
W
7/29/74

National Register Write-up Sept 3, 1974

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry Sept. 3, 1974

Re-submit _____

Entered JUL 30 1974

WRITE-UP COMMENT
SHEET
(leave attached to nomination)

PROPERTY:

City Hall

Mass.

If there are comments (negative or positive) which will affect the write up, please indicate them below.

NAME:

LOCATION:

DESCRIPTION:

STYLE OR CULTURE:

DATE AND INSTIGATOR (builder, architect, group, engineer, etc.):

PRESENT CONDITION (altered, covered, ruins, deteriorated--archeological):

SIGNIFICANCE (specify paragraph or line):

SURVEY RECORDS (is form correct?):

COMMENTS:



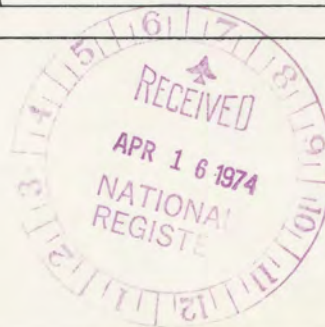
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PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Leslie Brodacki	2/73	photographer
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		
West facade		



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OLD CITY HALL
MARKET SQUARE
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY, 1973

FRONT VIEW A (FRONT ELEVATION)



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South elevation



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SIDE VIEW B (SIDE ELEVATION)

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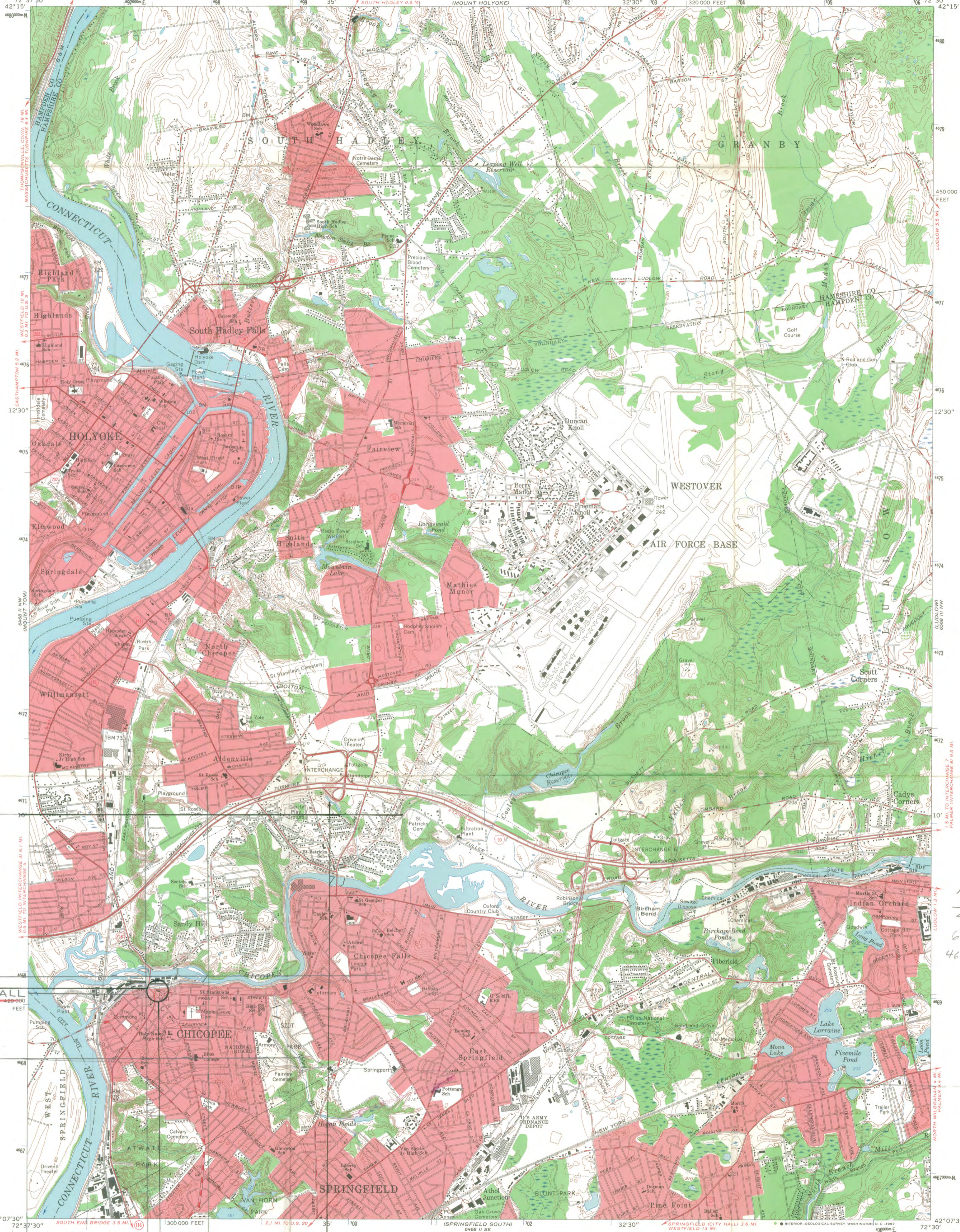
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Market Square

3. MAP REFERENCE

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



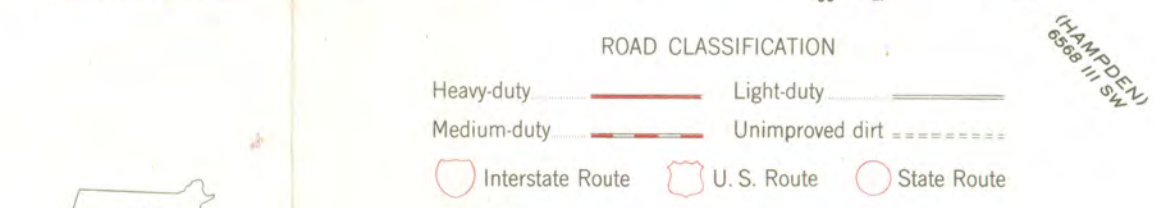
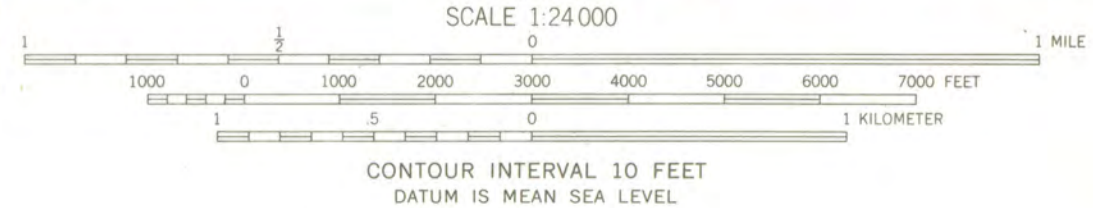
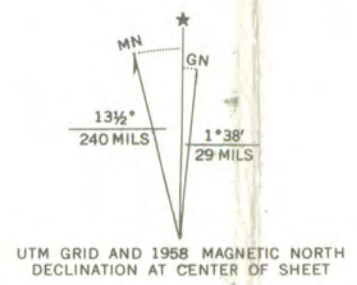


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OLD CITY HALL
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OLD CITY HALL, CHICOPEE
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mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown



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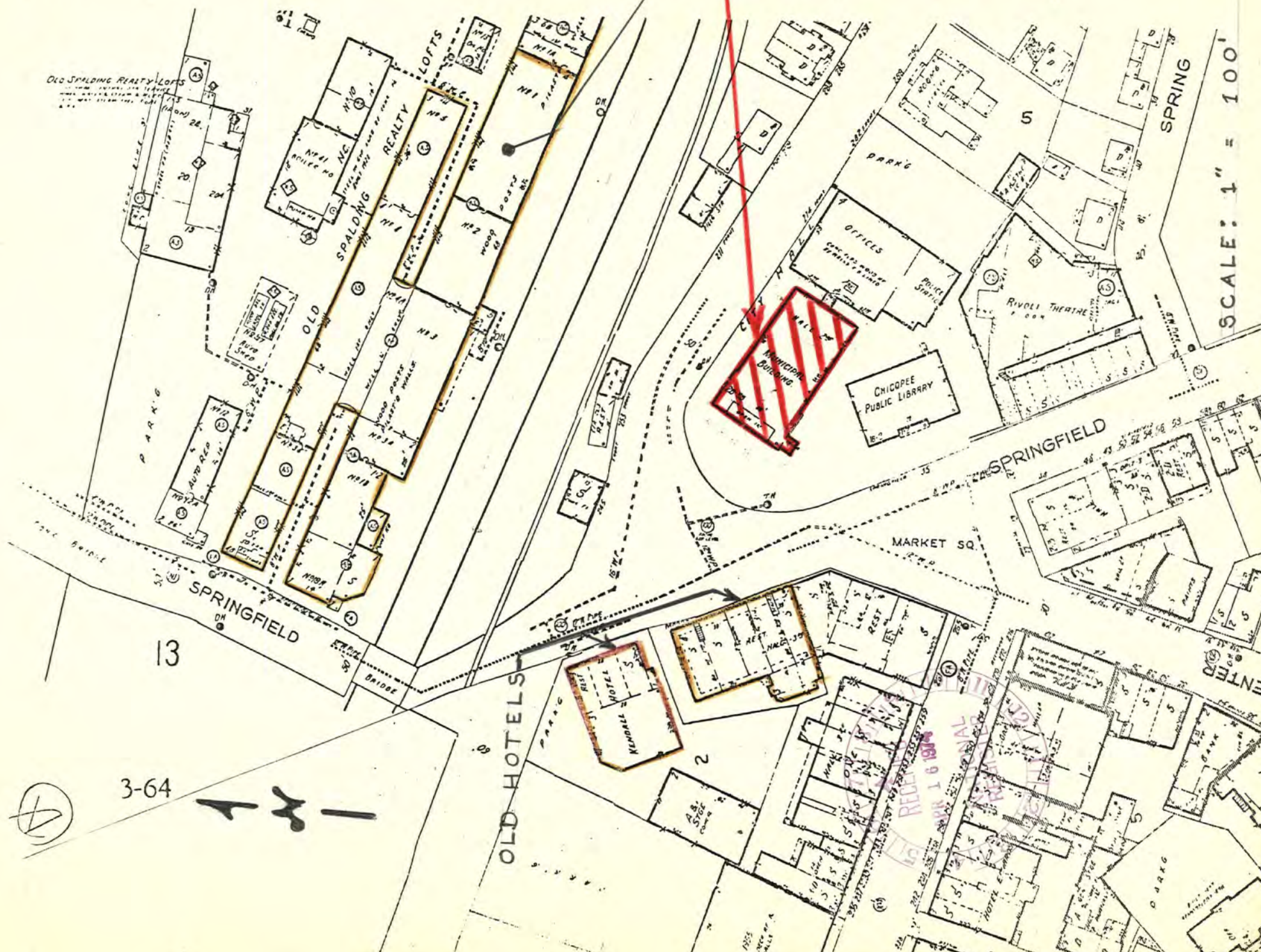
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OLD DWIGHT MILLS

OLD CITY HALL

SCALE: 1" = 100'



OLD SPALDING REALTY LOTS

PARK

SPRINGFIELD

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3-64

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OLD HOTELS

KENDALL HOTEL

REST

CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRINGFIELD

MARKET SQ

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 30 1974

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Hon. Edward W. Brooke
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