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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Central New Bedford Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

Roughly bounded by Acushnet Ave, School, Middle and Bell Sts.

STREET & NUMBER

See attached list

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

BRISTOL

CODE

005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

(multiple ownership - see attached list)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford and other communities

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Bristol County (s.d.) Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

North Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the historic assets of the Commonwealth and historic inventory of the City of New Bedford

DATE

1976 and continuing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission & Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

New Bedford, Massachusetts

Room 13, City Hall

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Central New Bedford Historic District is located between and has contiguous boundaries with two established historic districts, the New Bedford Historic District (NHL and local) to the east and the County Street Historic District (NR) to the west. It contains approximately eighty buildings, most of which are in commercial or institutional use. Classical revival designs predominate, especially for the institutional buildings, and granite, marble, limestone, various colored brick and cast stone are the favored building materials. Despite dense development, none of the buildings is more than five stories in height. There is no open parkland within the district although a recently created mall on Purchase Street and various other street improvements such as trees and benches have greatly enhanced the area for pedestrians. There are relatively few intrusions within the district; the major ones are the Merchant's Bank drive-in addition (#52-345) at the corner of Purchase Street and Mechanic's Lane, a Mister Donut (#52-283) at the corner of Union and Sixth Streets and Our Lady's Chapel (#82-290) on Pleasant Street.

Some of the key buildings are described below:

Located at the northern end of the district, the New Bedford Post Office (#52-148, photo #1) is a monumental neo-classical structure designed in 1915 by Oscar Wenderoth. Facing east on Pleasant Street, this rectangular plan structure occupies its entire block. Its facade is screened by an Ionic colonnade carrying a severe entablature which is continued around the building. The flat roof which encloses the Post Office is pierced by a hipped monitor/cupola and masked by a balustrade.

The Renaissance Revival City Hall (#52-220, photo #2), originally constructed in 1885-86 and again in 1908. It presently appears as a three-story structure with projecting rear wings, enclosed by a low hipped roof. It is constructed of red brick with brownstone quoins, architraves, stringcourses and entablature. Floor levels are differentiated by window treatment: those of the first floor are round arched and recessed, those of the second are pedimented and those of the third are smaller attic lights. The symmetrical facade is organized around a projecting pedimented entrance pavillion.

Facing the City Hall across Pleasant Street is the Duff Building (#52-229, photo #3 and 4), a Romanesque Revival commercial block designed in 1889. Rising to a four-story height, the u-shaped Duff Building is enclosed by a flat roof which is masked by a solid parapet. The major design elements of this asymmetrical brick and sandstone building are concentrated at the arched entry and at the arched openings of the fourth story.

The Free Public Library (#52-279, photo #6) stands directly across William Street from the City Hall and diagonally across from the Duff Building. This cruciform plan Greek Revival structure was designed in 1838-39 by Russell Warren. The most prominent design elements of this granite ashlar building are its Doric temple front and simple entablature which encircles the building.

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The Registry of Deeds (#52-265, photo #5) which faces the rear elevation of the library across Sixth Street, was designed in 1908-10 by Samuel Hunt in a Neo-Classical style. This brick building rises two stories from a granite plinth and limestone basement to a projecting, modillion cornice and solid parapet. Its symmetrical facade is organized around a projecting pedimented pavillion which contains the pedimented entry. The trim, including quoins, lintels and sills are limestone.

The Standard Times Building (#52-286), at the corner of Market and Pleasant Streets, is a five story, classically inspired office building. It was designed in 1894 by Peabody and Stearns and is faced with yellow brick and terra cotta trim. Its rusticated ground floor contains round arched openings for both windows and doors. The horizontallity of this building is strongly reinforced by the use of stringcourses at each floor level.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Central New Bedford Historic District possesses integrity of design, setting, materials, and workmanship, and represents the affluence which accompanied turn-of-the-century New Bedford's booming textile industry. As the center of commercial and civic activities since the third quarter of the nineteenth century, this area has necessarily played a key role in the formation of modern New Bedford. Despite susceptibility of commercial areas to change, New Bedford's center is relatively unaltered and contains a number of architecturally significant buildings designed in a variety of late nineteenth century styles.

Bedford Village was originally settled in 1640 while still a part of the neighboring town of Dartmouth. It remained an agricultural community until the 1760's when it began to develop as a major whaling port. From 1870 through the 1850's, New Bedford led the country in the amount of whaling revenues gathered and its waterfront (east of this district) grew accordingly. When the discovery of oil in Pennsylvania in 1857 led to the decline of the New England whaling industry, New Bedford did not experience an economic recession as other ports like Nantucket did. Rather, the textile industry which had begun in the 1840's began to expand rapidly and the city became even more prosperous. During this period business activities began to move west, up and away from the sea. Capital amassed by the textile industry was reinvested in the newly commissioned buildings which characterize Central New Bedford today.

In general, there were two peak periods of development. The first period, circa 1890, extended from Acushnet Avenue to Pleasant Street and incorporated the more classical and ornate buildings exemplified by the New Bedford Institution for Savings Bank Building, the Oddfellows Building (Duff Building), the Standard Times' buildings (includes old Boys Club) and others. The second period, circa 1910, extended from Pleasant Street west along Union Street. Building styles became more modern and less elaborate in decor. Interspersed within these two basic divisions are examples of much older buildings built prior to the 1880's, such as the City Hall, the Library, the Tucker Anthony Building (6th Street), the Converse Photo Building (6th Street) and others, as well as structures built in the 1920's and early 30's.

Two of the earliest buildings in the Central business district, the present City Hall and the Library building, are among the most important. Both were begun in the mid-nineteenth century but were expanded in the early twentieth century, the period of greatest significance for this district. The Greek Revival Library building, designed in 1838-39 by Russell Warren, originally served as the town hall. When the present Renaissance Revival City Hall was erected on the lot across William Street in 1856-57, some of the town administrative offices were relocated on the first floor while the library, chartered in 1852, occupied the upper floors. Given a permanent home, the New Bedford Free Library became one of the earliest libraries in the country to be

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds
 New Bedford Public Library - Geneology Room
 New Bedford Standard-Times library
 New Bedford Historic Building Survey - Office of Historic Preservation and New Bedford
 Preservation Society
 New Bedford Semi-Centennial & Industrial Exhibition Journal of Commerce Co. Publishers
 Providence, Rhode Island

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 29.3

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

QUADRANGLE NAME New Bedford, North

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached description and map...

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator

with

F. Tenney Lantz
Shelley Wheeler-Carreiro

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

June, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street,

TELEPHONE

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston,

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

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

1/22/80

TITLE Executive Director - Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/24/80

ATTEST: Patricia Andrews
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 4/23/80

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open to the public.

In 1906 the old Town Hall was gutted by fire. It was decided at that time to enlarge the building across the street and consolidate city government there. Several Boston firms bid on this job, but the design of local architect Samuel C. Hunt was chosen. At the same time, the Town Hall building was rehabilitated by another local architect, Nathaniel C. Smith, to serve as the library. Two other major buildings in the district are the Registry of Deeds, designed in 1908 by Samuel Hunt, and the Post Office, designed in 1913 by Oscar Wenderoth.

The Central New Bedford Historic District continues to serve in its original capacity as civic and commercial center today. Neglected during much of the twentieth century (after the decline of the textile industry) it is currently the focus of city revitalization efforts.

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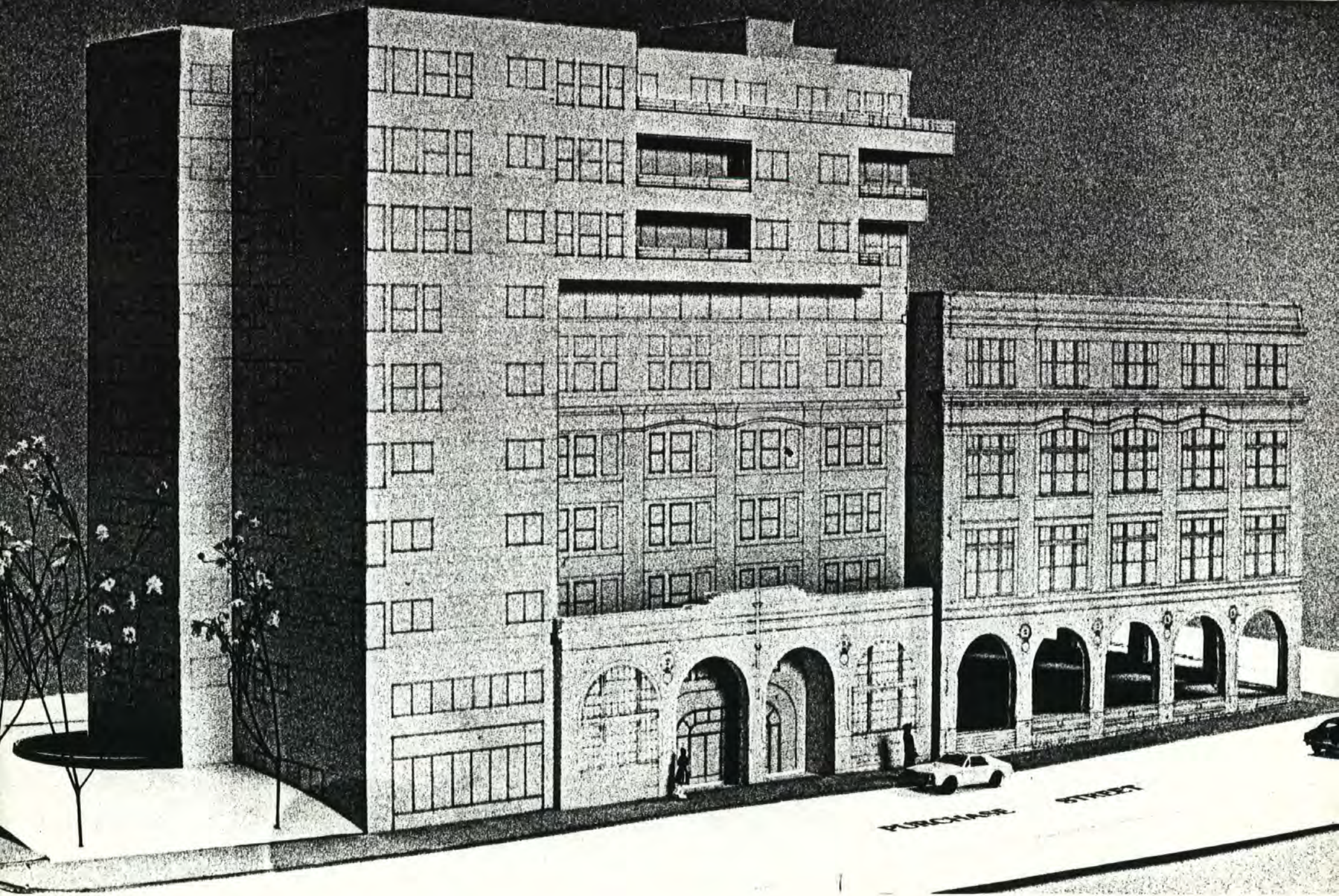
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Boundary Justification

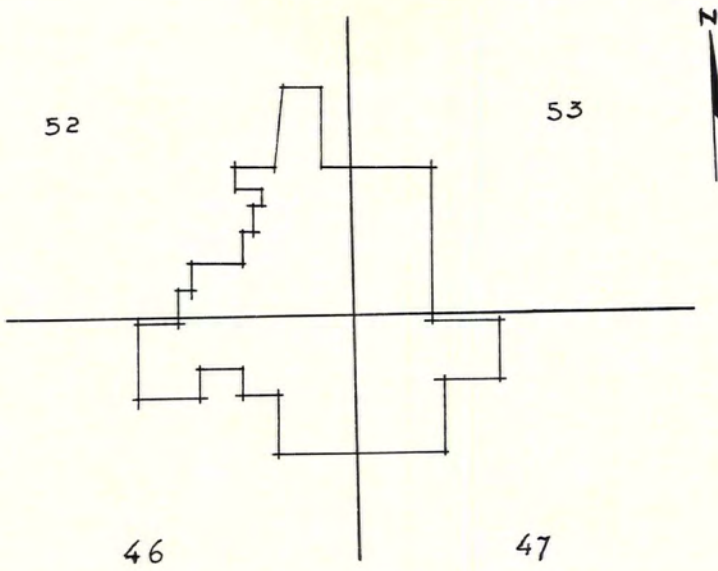
The boundaries of the Central New Bedford Historic District were selected to include the institutional and commercial core of the city. The western boundary is contiguous with that of the County Street Historic District (NR). The eastern boundary is contiguous with the New Bedford Historic District (NHL-local). The northern boundary was defined by an urban renewal area. The southern boundary was drawn to exclude an area characterized by residential use and parking lots.



Photograph No. 11
Olympia Tower, Model of new bldg



CENTRAL NEW BEDFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT
PLAT ARRANGEMENT



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INTRUSIONS. Central New Bedford Historic District

Total number of buildings in the district: 79 (±)
 Total number of intrusions in the district: 10
 Ratio of intrusions compared to number of buildings: 1:8

<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>		
46	259	New England Telephone	9 South Sixth Street
47	1	New Bedford Institution For Savings (Drive-In) Adjacent Main Office	174 Union Street
47	5	Franklin W. Hatch	140 Union Street
52	212	Jolly Blue Whale	673 Pleasant Street
52	269	Bunny Restaurant	277 Union Street
52	280	First National Bank of New Bedford (Drive-In) Adjacent to Main Office	Corner Market & North Sixth Street
52	283	Mister Donut	231 Union Street
52	290	Our Lady's Chapel	596 Pleasant Street
52	295	Southeastern Bank & Trust	572 Pleasant Street
52	345	Bay Bank/Merchants- (Drive-In)	Adjacent Main Office 12-14 Mechanics Lane

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DATE REC'D _____

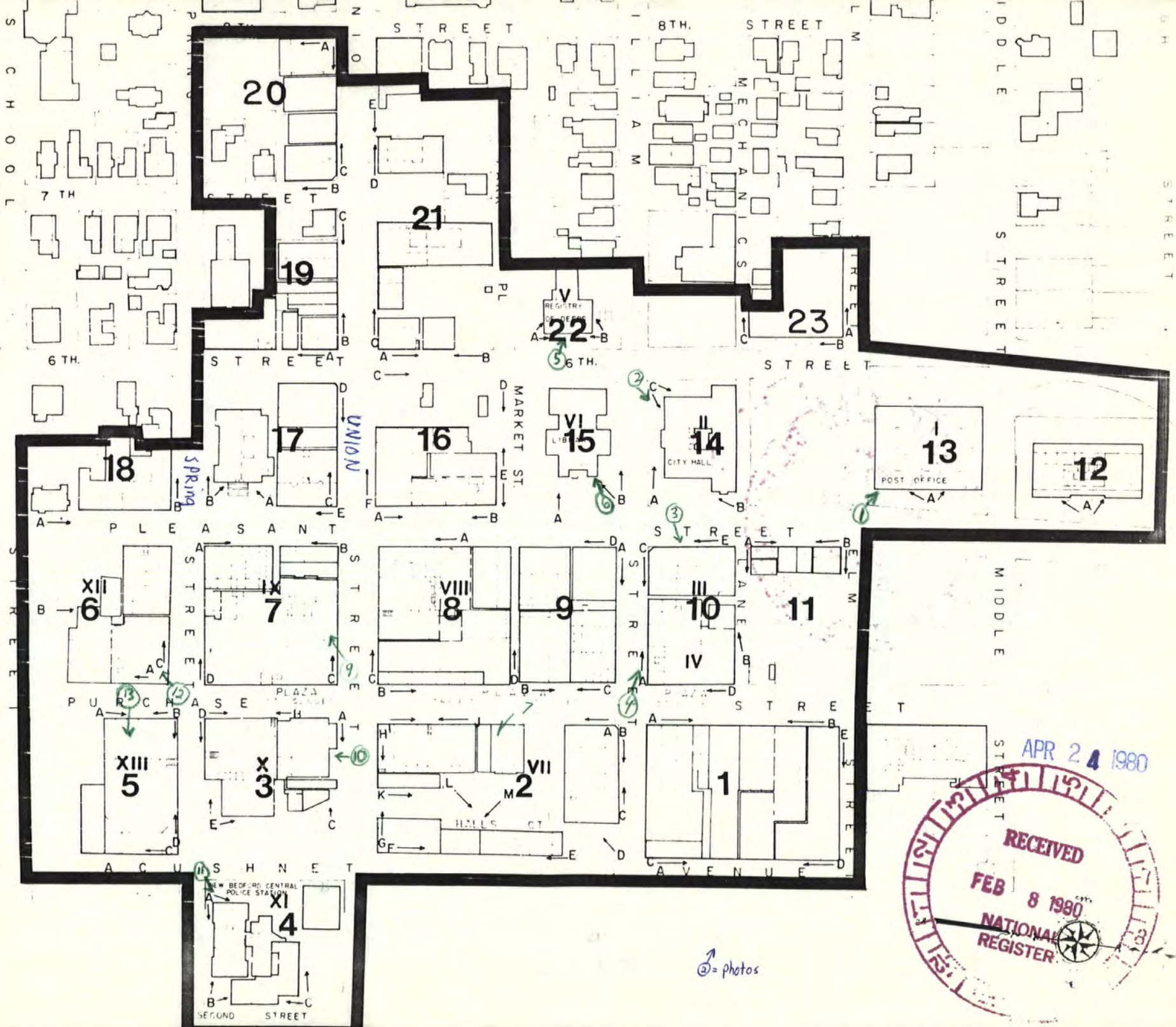
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DATE ACTION _____

INITIALS _____



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③ = photos

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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<u>Plot</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
46	17	Jeffrey L. & Sharon F. Silva	108 High St. Wareham, Ma.
	18	First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. of Attleboro, Inc.	278 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	19	Harold M. Jr. & Helen G. Cooper	212 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	20	Harold M. Jr. & Helen G. Cooper	212 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	21	First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. of Attleboro, Inc.	278 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	22	T. & O. Realty, Inc.	93 Spring St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	23	Solomon & Jean Scheinman	41 Burns St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	24	T. & O. Realty, Inc.	93 Spring St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	25	Pamec Realty Trust, James E. & Patricia J. McKenna	286 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	26	Zeiterion Realty Corp.	674 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	27	Sig Midttun Bakeries Inc.	250 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	28	The Southeastern Advertising Agency, Inc.	244 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	29	The Southeastern Advertising Agency, Inc.	63 So. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	31	I. Morton Zeitz & Harry Zeitz	674 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	32	Jacques Realty Corp.	222 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	33	Jacques Realty Corp.	222 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	34	County of Bristol	Bristol County Commissioners Court St. Taunton, Ma.
	37	Winokoor Realty Corp.	169 Reed St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	38	The New Bedford Morris Plan Co., Inc.	206 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY - cont.

<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
46	39	Gorin Stores Inc.	182 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	40	Gorin Stores Inc.	182 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	41	Gorin Stores Inc.	182 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	43	Gorin Stores Inc.	182 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	64	New Bedford Young Women's Christian Assoc.	66 Spring St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	70	New Bedford Young Women's Christian Assoc.	66 Spring St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	184	Pamec Realty Trust, James E. & Patricia J. McKenna	286 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	185	Esther Shapiro	318 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	259	Lillian R. & Foster R. Herman	558 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	264	Smith Office Equipment Co., Inc.	230 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
47	1	New Bedford Institution for Savings	174 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	3	Albert A. & Harry I. Golub	704 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	5	Malcolm W. Frasier	134 Page St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	13	City of New Bedford	133 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	45	Zeiterion Realty Corp.	674 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	47	Zeiterion Realty Corp.	674 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	206	New Bedford Institution for Savings	174 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
52	65	New Bedford Housing Authority	134 So. Second St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	81	New Bedford Housing Authority	134 So. Second St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740

<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
52	101	New Bedford Redevelopment Authority	21 So. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	150	Charles P. Horton c/o Peter T. Gargas	749 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	153	Mt. Royal Realty, Inc.	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	154	Mt. Royal Realty, Inc.	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	156	Historic Ventures, Inc.	608 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	159	New Bedford Redevelopment Authority	21 So. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	160	New Bedford Redevelopment Authority	21 So. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	186	Gerado Realty Trust	22 Tarkiln Hill Rd. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	210	Gerado Realty Trust	22 Tarkiln Hill Rd. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	212	City of New Bedford	133 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	220	City of New Bedford	133 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	224	Mt. Royal Realty Inc.	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	225	Jimmy Connors Tavern, Inc.	17 Mechanics Lane New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	226	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	227	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	228	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	229	Carlotta D. McKee	225 West End Ave. New York, New York
	231	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	263	Oliver Prescott Jr., Raymond McLeod	13 No. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY - cont.

<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
52	264	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	265	The County of Bristol	Bristol County Commission Court St. Taunton, Ma.
	269	Don H. Leung	277 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	270	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	271	Pauline A. Desjardins	10 Park Place New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	272	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	273	Citizens Credit Union	271 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	274	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	275	De Wolf Properties, Inc.	261 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	276	First National Bank of New Bedford	P.O. Box C906 New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	277	First National Bank of New Bedford	P.O. Box C906 New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	278	Cecile B. Zeitz & Fisher Abram Morton I. Zeitz (trustee) c/o State Theater	674 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	279	City of New Bedford	133 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	280	The First Safe Deposit Nation Bank of New Bedford	P.O. Box C906 New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	281	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	282	George T. Hellyer	12 No. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
5	283	James E. Connors Jr.	15 Shawmut St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	284	The First Safe Deposit National Bank of New Bedford	P.O. Box C906 New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	285	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740

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<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
52	286	Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.	555 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
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	289	Foster R. Herman	558 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	290	Order of Friars Minor of the Province of the Most Holy Name	596 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	292	New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	* 791 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	294	Southeastern Bank & Trust Co.	572 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	295	Southeastern Bank & Trust Co.	572 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	297	Robert J. Saltmarsh	771 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	298	Foster R. & Lillian R. Herman	✓ 558 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	299	Peter T. Gargas	749 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	300	Charles P. Horton c/o Peter T. Gargas	749 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	331	Charles S. Ashley & Sons, Inc.	11 No. Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	340	Foster R. Herman	✓ 558 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	345	Merchants National Bank	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	346	Merchants National Bank	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	359	The Keystone Building of New Bedford, Inc.	197 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	372	Citizens Credit Union	271 Union St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
53	29	Antone & Evelyn F. Mello	11 Pilgrim Ave. Fairhaven, Ma. 02719
	30	McDonald's Corporation	Box 66207 AMF O'Hare Chicago, Ill. 60666

<u>Plat</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
53	35	Olympia Associates Trust	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	36	Housing 70 Corp.	488 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	43	Olympia Associates Trust	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	45	New Bedford Redevelopment Authority	21 South Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	73	Southeastern Bank & Trust Co.	572 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	75	Carol Realty Inc.	318 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	77	H. Realty Corp. c/o Sheldon Friedland	13 South Sixth St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	78	McDonald's Corp.	Box 66207 AMF O'Hare Chicago, Ill. 60666
	79	McDonald's Corp.	Box 66207 AMF O'Hare Chicago, Ill. 60666
	80	Oliver Prescott Jr. c/o Julius Lipson	836 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	81	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	824 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	82	Carol Realty Inc.	318 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	83	Gibbs V. Bray; S.S. Kresge Co. International Hdqtrs. attn. Real Estate Dept.	3100 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, Michigan 48084
	84	N.P. Hayes Co. Inc.	65 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	121	Bliss Realty Associates	410 Union Trust Bldg. Providence, R.I. 02904
	122	Bliss Realty Associates	410 Union Trust Bldg. Providence, R.I. 02904
	123	Bliss Realty Associates	410 Union Trust Bldg. Providence, R.I. 02904
	124	Bliss Realty Associates	410 Union Trust Bldg. Providence, R.I. 02904
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	129	City of New Bedford	133 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
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	131	David Todreas	91 Lovett St. Beverly, Ma.
	132	Bristol Realty Co. (Lessee)	131 State St. Boston, Ma. 02109
	133	Housing 70 Corp.	488 Pleasant St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	134	Ralph E. & Beatrice L. Harary	12 Skyline Dr. No. Dartmouth, Ma. 02747
	136	Lupo's Associates, Inc.	363 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	137	Robert Quintin, Trust; Ronald J. Quintin	31 Atlas St. Fairhaven, Ma. 02719
	138	Robert & Jennie Xifaras	343 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	210	Whale Furniture Mart Inc.	85 Coggeshall St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	221	Carol Realty Inc.	318 Hawthorn St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	224	Mt. Royal Realty Inc.	888 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
	228	Merchants National Bank of New Bedford	95 William St. New Bedford, Ma. 02740
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46	71	Lester Palestine (2/3)	375 Park Ave. New York, N.Y.
		Oscar E. Epstein (1/3)	271 Maple St. New Bedford, Mass.
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	209	Albion B. Stone	158 Union St. New Bedford, MA 02740

Property Central New Bedford Historic District

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Encompassing the commercial and civic center of the town of New Bedford, this district is eligible for architecture, commerce, and government. Reflecting the economic prosperity of the third quarter of the 19th cent. when the textile industry replaced the ailing whale oil economy, this district is comprised of some 80 bldgs. that cover the range of popular Victorian era architectural styles. The district is mainly composed of blocks of commercial buildings among which are scattered monumental governmental and civic buildings - there are 10 intusions. 29 acres.

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WEST SIDE OF PLEASANT ST. AND SOUTH SIDE OF MIDDLE ST

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West side of Pleasant Street & South side
of Middle Street.

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NORTH SIDE OF WILLIAMS ST. AND WEST SIDE OF NORTH SIXTH ST.

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North side of William St. and West side
of North Sixth Street.
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EAST SIDE OF PLEASANT ST. BETWEEN MECHANICS LANE AND WILLIAM ST.

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East side of Pleasant Street between
Mechanics Lane & William Street.
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NORTH SIDE OF WILLIAMS ST BETWEEN PLEASANT ST AND PURCHASE ST.

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK AND NORTH SIDE OF DUFF BUILDING

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North side of William St. between Pleasant
& Purchase Streets.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK & NORTH SIDE OF
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West side of North Sixth Street
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WEST SIDE OF PLEASANT ST AT WILLIAMS ST.

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West side of Pleasant St. at Williams St.
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EAST SIDE OF PURCHASE STREET - ON MALL

FRONT OF THE CHERRY BUILDING

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East side of Purchase St. -on Mall.
798-800 Purchase Street CHERRY BUILDING-
front view.

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EAST SIDE OF PLEASANT ST. BETWEEN UNION ST. AND WILLIAMS ST.

DETAIL OF FACADE OF MASONIC BLDG.

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New Bedford, MA *Bristol Co.*

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New Bedford, Massachusetts

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East side of Pleasant St. between Union &
William Streets. Detail of facade on
MASONIC BUILDING.

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SOUTH SIDE OF UNION ST

EAST TO WEST - STAR STORE, SCRIMSHAW WORKSHOP, STAR STORE

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Photo #9 of 13
South side of Union St., looking West.
East-to-West: Star Shop, Scrimshaw
Workshop, & Star Store Men's Shop

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SOUTH SIDE OF UNION ST

NEW BEDFORD INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS

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South Side of Union Street
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CORNER OF UNION AND SPRING ST. - BELOW ACUSHNET AVE

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Corner of Union & Spring Streets below
Acushnet.

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WEST SIDE OF PURCHASE AT SPRING ST.

NEW BEDFORD GAS AND EDISON LIGHT COMPANY

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West side of Purchase St., at Spring St.
NEW BEDFORD GAS & EDISON LIGHT
COMPANY BUILDING

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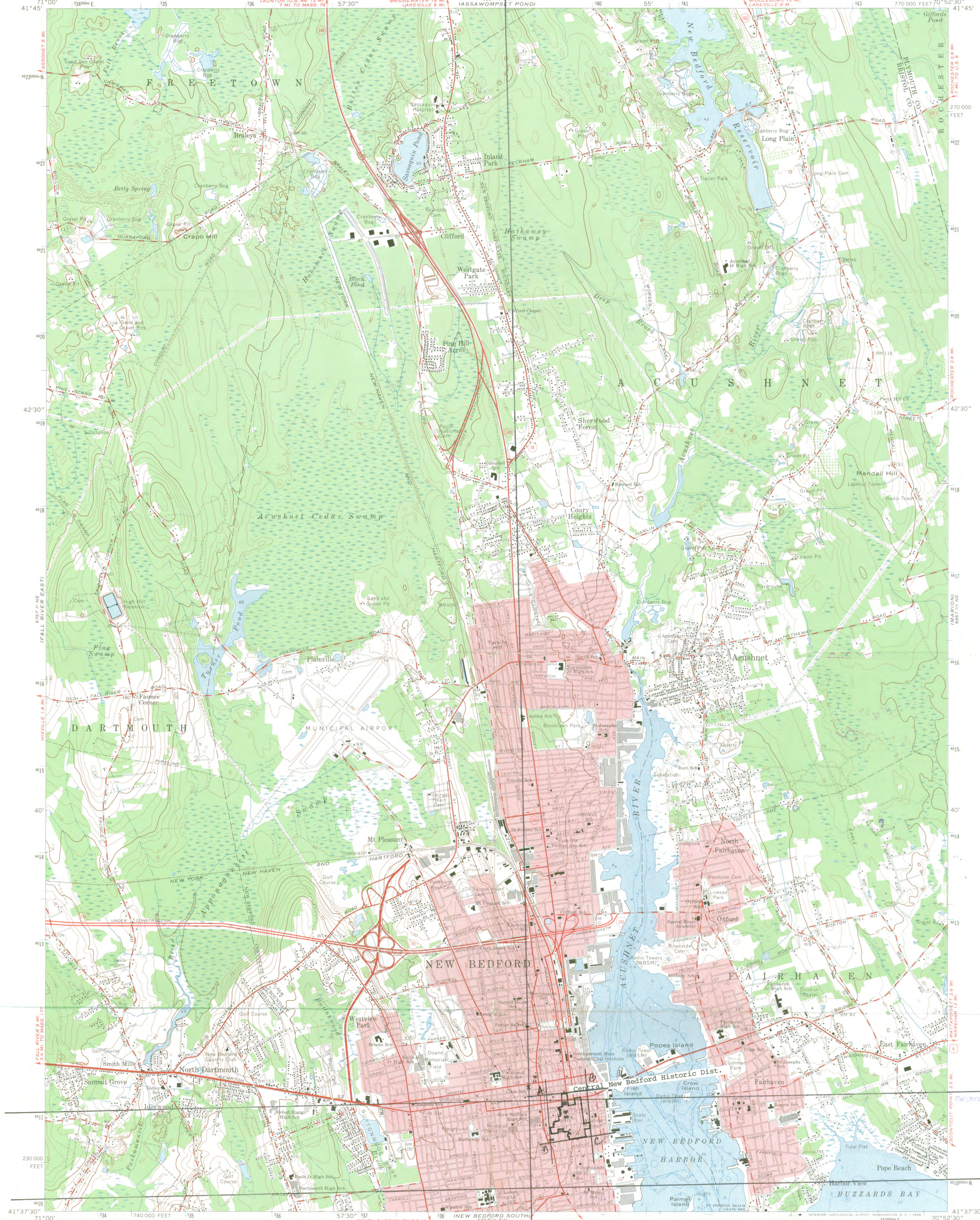
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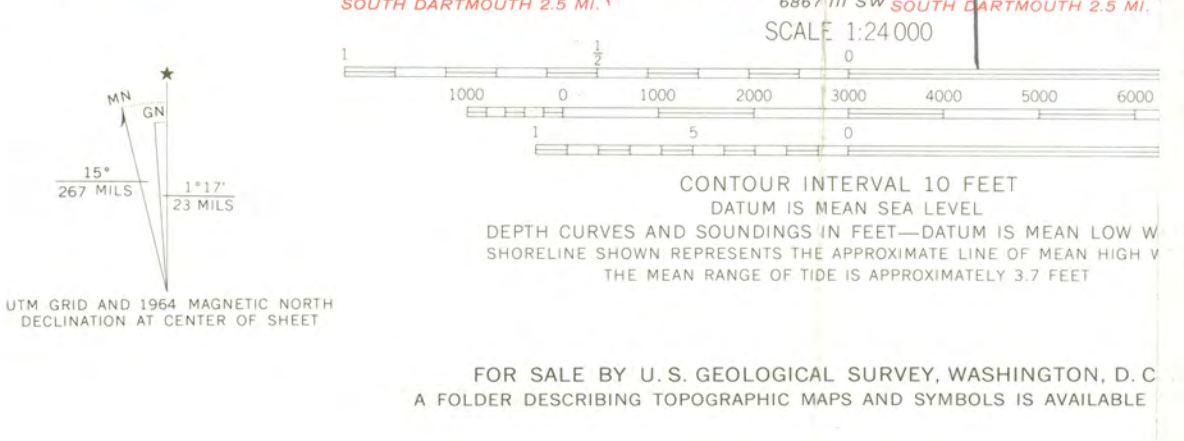
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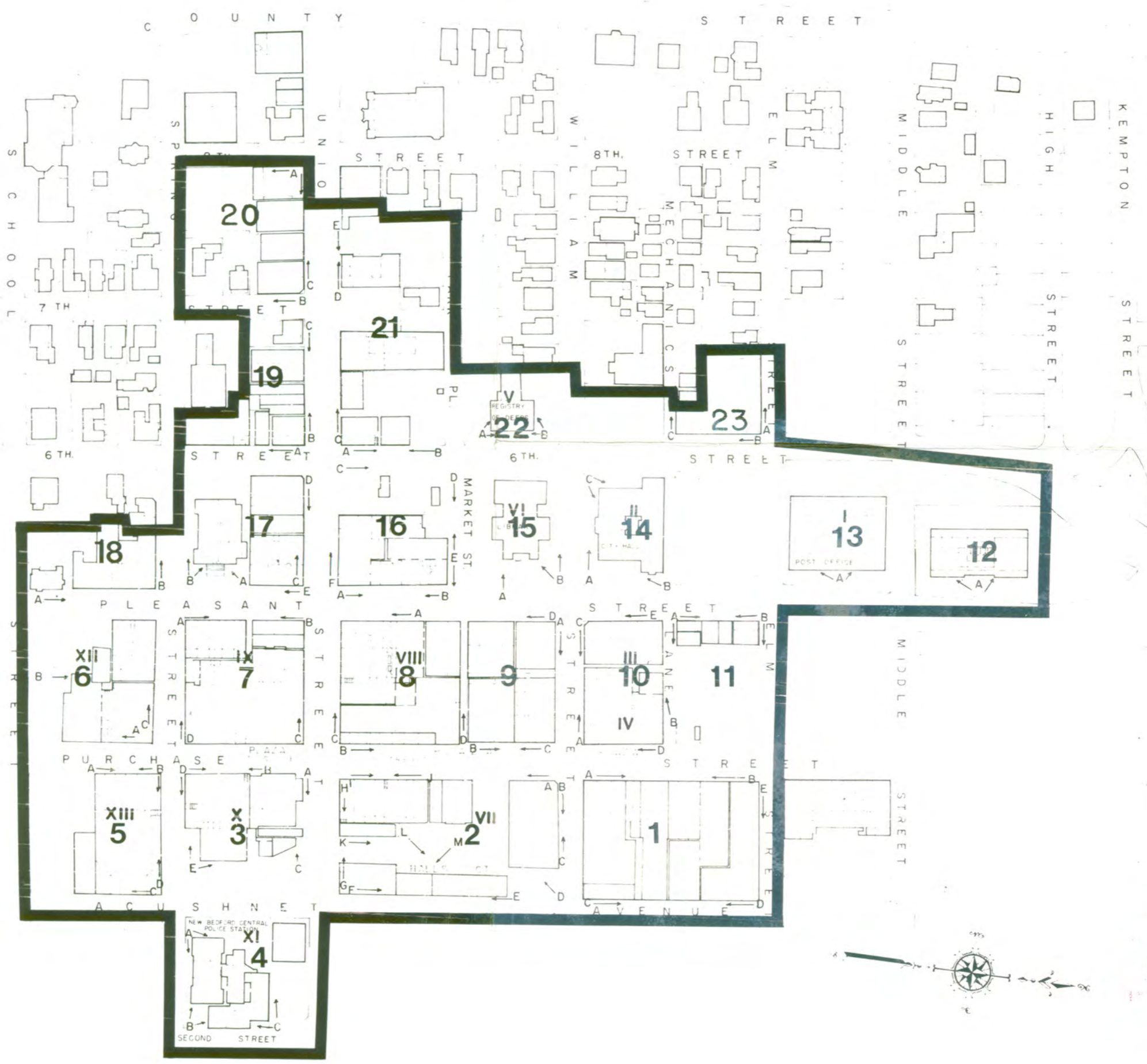


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143 SOUTH THIRD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19108

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MAR 0 4 1983

Arthur D. Ullian, General Partner
Olympia Tower Company
Boston Investment and Development Company
151 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Mr. Ullian:

PROPERTY: New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Co. Building, 693 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA

CONTROL NUMBER: 0296-82-MA-82-0293

TAXPAYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-2610577

We have reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 2" for the above property and have found that the rehabilitation does not conform with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation." The proposed rehabilitation does not conform with the following Standards:

STANDARD NO. 2

The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.

STANDARD NO. 9

Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment.

The New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company Building is a 4-story limestone building with attached 1-story garage and attached 1-2 1/2 story brick rear buildings. It is located in the Central New Bedford Historic District, which is significant as a collection of 19th and 20th century commercial and institutional buildings comprising the central business district. The first story of the main building has large round arched window and door openings that are a dominant feature of the building's design. The arched openings are continued in the 1-story main facade of the attached garage, unifying it with the high-style architectural character of the main building.

The proposed rehabilitation of the building includes demolition of all but the main facade of the attached garage structure, all of the rear buildings, and the construction of a large addition.

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The demolition would result in the loss of historic fabric and the loss of the differentiation in scale between the garage and the main building. The garage structure, originally supportive in function and clearly secondary in size, would be replaced with a much larger building rising three stories above, and therefore dominating, the original main building. Furthermore, removal of the doors and door transoms would create voids in the facade, altering its planar character. These proposed alterations of the original qualities and character of the building and its environment violate Standards #2 and #9.

The proposed addition is also incompatible with the historic district. The National Register Historic District nomination documents the district as having few intrusions and states that "despite dense development, none of the buildings is more than five stories in height." It is apparent that the proposed addition will be much larger than most of the district's significant buildings and close in size to the largest buildings in the district. Although compatible in materials and color, the size and scale of the proposed addition is incompatible with the character of the property, neighborhood, and environment, and violates Standard #9.

In order to meet the "Standards," an addition smaller in size and prominence could be considered compatible with the original building and the historic district. More historic fabric, including the front facade window and transom sash and the side facade, should also be retained in order to maintain the character of the garage structure. Both of these objectives could be achieved by recessing an addition of smaller size and scale further back from the main facade of the garage structure.

This project therefore does not qualify as a "certified rehabilitation" for purposes of § 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, §§ 701 (f) and 315 of the Revenue Act of 1978, nor §§ 212 and 214 of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and is exempt from the historic preservation provisions of the Act which apply to "certified rehabilitations."

We have enclosed a copy of the U.S. Department of the Interior's regulations that outline in Section 1208.10 the process for appealing this decision. Should you wish to enter an appeal, please comment by letter to Chief Hearing Officer, Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, addressing the concerns raised in our letter and including any additional factors related to the project that you feel deserve consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding our review of your application, or the appeals process, please feel free to contact Ms. Lee Gurney of this office at (215) 597-2284.

Sincerely,


James W. Coleman, Jr.
Regional Director

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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212 Hawthorn St
New Bedford, MA 02740

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Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Pension Building, 440 G. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

Attention NOM

Re: Gibbs V. Bray, land in Rochester, MA; reference
to Central New Bedford Historic District and
#661

Dear Ms. Shull:

This is in response to your letter of March 4, 1980 informing my client, Gibbs V. Bray, that certain land owned by him lying along the easterly side of Rounesville Road and just north of Maria Road in Rochester, Massachusetts has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Bray owns just over 34 acres there and the parcel was recently rezoned as "limited commercial" to allow for certain types of business use. The land is vacant and my client has recently installed certain utilities in the ground at considerable expense to prepare for an anticipated business use of it - all to be in keeping with the character of the area and in good taste.

Mr. Bray objects to his land being listed by your Agency as contemplated if it will inhibit or restrict his use and development of the land. The land he has is vacant with no structures upon it and is not unique in any historical respect.

We would appreciate being kept informed on the matter if that is possible.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John A. Birknes, Jr.
John A. Birknes, Jr.

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE MAR 25 1980

DATE ACQUISITION called

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Chas. S. Ashley & Sons, Inc. Insurance

11 NORTH SIXTH STREET -- P. O. Box B-963
NEW BEDFORD, MASS. 02741
Telephone 997-9411

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Clifford S. Davis, Jr.

March 21, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper, National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Serv.
Dept. of Interior, Pension Bldg.
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

Bristol Co

Attn: NOM

Dear Ms. Shull:

RE: 661 - Central New Bedford
Historic District
Chas. S. Ashley & Sons, Inc.
11 No. Sixth Street
New Bedford, Mass. 02740

We would consider it an honor to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as we believe our cultural resources are worthy of preservation.

Our firm was established by Charles S. Ashley, who was one of New Bedford's most illustrious citizens, who served in local government from 1886 until 1936. During that time he was Mayor of New Bedford for 32 years. His foresight and achievements, which have benefited New Bedford until this day, were many and to list them individually would be very long, so we are attaching a few excerpts of his public life in New Bedford.

The Insurance Company was established in 1911 and is now Incorporated with his grandson, John S. Ashley, serving as President.

Our present building, which you will note has a Colonial facade, is in keeping with many of the Historic places of New Bedford, was purchased in 1921.

DATE

4/7/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

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PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MASS. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Central New Bedford Historic District - Bristol County

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I asked her for a list of intrusions and to key them to a map. We need a boundary justification for the north and south boundaries. I asked for her to provide a general description of building types that are not mentioned in the nomination or that do not appear in the photos - this is because there are few streetscapes and most of the photos are of single large buildings.

4/18 - she says that she has no more photos of the S.W. corner of the district but assures me that they are of the same scale and period of construction as the other buildings.

4/22 list of intrusions and boundary justification arrived.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 24 1980

Name

Location

Central New Bedford Historic District

New Bedford
Bristol County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Gerry E. Studds

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Byers/bjr 4/30/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

Boston Investment and Development Company

March 22, 1983

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Director of Conservation and Recreation Service
U. S. Department of Interior
440 G Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

RE: New Bedford Gas & Electric Co. Bldg.
693 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA
Control No. 0296-82-MA-82-0293
Taxpayer's ID No. 04-2610577

Dear Mr. Director:

Olympia Tower Company (hereinafter, the Owner) formally appeals the decision by the National Park Service, Mid-Atlantic Region, that the project does not qualify as a certified rehabilitation for purposes of the Tax Reform Act.

The project consists of the rehabilitation of a 4-story limestone building, the New Bedford Gas and Electric Company Building (hereinafter, the Gas Company Building), together with the construction of an adjoining new building. The Owner has applied for historic certification of the Gas Company Building. The rehabilitation of this building has carefully following the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation, including:

1. Original limestone facades to be properly cleaned.
2. Original globe lights along the facade to be repaired.
3. Replacement windows to be installed to match existing.
4. Original wood frames around windows to be scraped and painted and rehabilitated.
5. Interior ceiling heights designed to be above the height of the windows.
6. Interior marble and ornamental plaster ceiling at entrance and commercial space restored.
7. Plumbing and heating risers to be relocated so as not to damage or destroy the decorative marble or the decorative ceiling moldings.

Due to the high acquisition cost of the property, and due to the uneconomic configuration of the building and adjoining garage and pipe shed, it was not economically feasible to rehabilitate the existing structure without increasing the density of the development. The four-story Gas Company Building could be rehabilitated into only 21 one and two bedroom apartments plus 6800 sq. ft. of commercial space on the first floor. The garage and pipe shed buildings had no economic utility. The only economically feasible solution, other than to tear down the historic Gas Company Building, was to construct a new building adjoining the existing building. The Owner worked exhaustively with the Massachusetts Historic Commission to design a new structure which was compatible with the Gas Company Building and with the Historic District. Many architectural schemes were reviewed by the State and the City, resulting in the present project now under construction.

On March 22, 1982 Bill Casper, of Boston Investment and Development Company, affiliate of the Owner, met with three staff members of the Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia to discuss the concept of connecting a new building to an existing historic structure. Mr. Casper brought preliminary plans for their review. Their comments were incorporated into the design and included the following:

1. Recess the upper part of the new construction so as not to affect existing facade and scale of the Gas Company Building.
2. Massing of the window patterns to conform to the scale of the existing building.
3. Retain the original arch windows.

On June 14, 1982 we submitted to the Massachusetts Historic Commission our application for Historic Certification, Part I and Part II. The Commission asked for additional information regarding the interior, which was submitted on August 10, 1982. The application was approved by the Massachusetts Historic Commission and forwarded to the Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia. On November 8, 1982 we received a letter from the Mid-Atlantic Region approving Part I of our application. Nothing further was heard from the reviewers until the end of February, 1983 when we learned that the Mid-Atlantic Region was going to deny certification of our plans. The enclosed letter of denial dated March 1, 1983, was received on March 7, 1983.

The Mid-Atlantic Region made a determination that the rehabilitation plans violated Standard No. 2 and Standard No. 9.

STANDARD NO. 2: "The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible."

The distinguishing original qualities of the building are the public facades on Purchase and Spring streets, constructed of limestone with stone detailing, and the dominant arched windows on the first floor. The architect Destremps', large rounded, almost-Richardsonian windows, extending on Purchase and Spring streets, with added globe lights set between each of the rounded arched windows, is the dominant architectural feature of the building. The rear and side of the building, the private facades, were constructed of red brick. The rehabilitation plans restore the facade details on Purchase and Spring streets, as well as the interior details of the Gas Company Building. In addition, the rehabilitation plans retain the original four-arched facade of the one-story garage structure, while recessing the new building behind the facade line in order not to interrupt Destremps' original dominant theme. When the rehabilitation and new construction is complete, the total project when viewed from Purchase and Spring streets will maintain the original strong appearance that was characteristic of Destremps' architecture.

Standard No. 2 states that the original qualities of the building or character shall not be destroyed. The original character of the building is its stone work and large arched windows, all of which are being preserved. Standard No. 2 continues that, "The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible." The brick walls of the garage and attached pipe shed were not considered distinctive architectural features. It was the opinion of the State Historic Commission, the New Bedford Office of Neighborhood and Historic Preservation, the Environmental Officer of the Boston HUD Area Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that the demolition of the private facades of the garage, and the two and a half-story pipe shed, to the rear of the garage, did not significantly deter from the distinguishing original quality or character of the building.

STANDARD NO. 9: "Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment."

The Mid-Atlantic Region in their letter stated that the original National Register nomination papers submitted by the City, indicate "that despite dense development, none of the buildings (in the Historic District) is more than five stories in height." This is incorrect since a nine-story building exists a

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block away and a twelve-story building exists at the north end of the Historic District. Both buildings are significantly higher than the new addition. In fact, there are a number of six-story buildings within the District with floor to floor heights that are greater than our new building.

The Mid-Atlantic Region found that "although compatible in material and color, the size and scale of the proposed addition is incompatible with the character of the property, neighborhood and environment," and therefore, violates Standard No. 9. However, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Historic Commission and the New Bedford Office of Neighborhood and Historic Preservation, the new addition (which is smaller in height than other buildings in the District) is compatible with the size, scale, color, material and character of the property, neighborhood and environment. By recessing the new material behind the original garage facade, the new addition does not compete with the original character of the Gas Company Building. Further, the rhythm and scale of the windows relate and provide the transition between the new and old architecture. Working closely with the local and State historic officers, the architect gave great attention to alignment and continuation of the first and third floor cornices, as well as the parapets, in designing the new exterior walls. With attention given to the details of the existing historic building, the architecture of the new building created a scale compatible with the existing building and its neighbors. An interesting counterpoint is that the First National Bank of Boston Building, the nine-story building mentioned above, in fact strongly relates in feeling and material to Destremp's architecture, with large dominant arched windows at the first floor, limestone facade and cornice detail.

The Owner wishes to appeal the decision of the Mid-Atlantic Region and to affirm that the new addition is compatible with and does not destroy the historical significance of either the existing property or the Historic District. The Owner further claims that as a result of the amount of time taken by the Mid-Atlantic Region to review and subsequently to reject the design, there was no opportunity for the Owner to change the design of the new building. This delay on the part of the Mid-Atlantic Region violated 36 CFR 67.6 (c), which requires the Secretary to determine "normally within 45 days, if the proposed project does not meet the 'Standards for Rehabilitation.'" Nor was the Owner advised by the Mid-Atlantic Region, in a timely fashion, of revisions to the plans which would bring the project into conformance with the Secretary's Standards. By March 1, 1983 the structural steel for the new addition had been fabricated and was being erected. There was no possible way to make any alteration.

The Owner requests the opportunity to meet with the Director. The Owner has contracted to have a massing model built of the Historic District, as well as the proposed project, in order to demonstrate the compatibility of the new building with the Gas Company Building and with the Historic District. We respectfully request that the Director grant us an opportunity to meet and present our argument.

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Since the project is residential in character and not eligible for commercial rehabilitation tax credits, the loss of the historic investment tax credit greatly impairs the economic viability of the development. Further, the considerable additional expense already incurred by the Owner, in response to local and State historic preservation office requirements to make the project conform to the Secretary's Standards, would be lost if the development failed to receive historic certification.

We are available at any time to come to Washington to meet with the Director.

Very truly yours,

OLYMPIA TOWER COMPANY

By: 
Richard L. Taylor, General Partner

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Enclosures

CC: MA SHPO

Property: New Bedford Gas and Electric Company Building within the Central
693 Purchase Street New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts Historic District

Owner: Olympia Tower Company
Boston Investment and Development Company
151 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Representing the owners at the meeting will be:
Mr. Arthur D. Ullian, General Partner
Mr. Richard Taylor
Mr. Philip Hresko, AIA, ASLA
Mr. Tony Sousa, formerly of the city
Mr. John Bullard, Waterfront Historic Area League

Part 1: 4-story limestone, commercial building built in 1913 and designed by Louis E. Destremps, a prominent local architect. Located on a corner, large, arched windows extend along both street facades at the first floor level. A one-story garage carries the arcaded facade four bays further on one street. It was built (as an original element of the building) to house the new electric Company vehicles. The building remained the headquarters of the company that built it until recently.

6/14/82 Initial application received by the SHPO
8/17/82 Completed application received by SHPO
9/13/82 Application received by MARO
11/8/82 Certification of significance

Part 2: Conversion of the building into 21 housing units and commercial space on the first floor, and a ten-story addition containing 69 more apartments began July 1, 1982 and will be completed September 1, 1983.

6/14/82 Initial application received by SHPO
8/17/82 Completed application received by SHPO
9/13/82 Application received by MARO, with recommendation from SHPO to certify, that project meets "Standards"
2/3,4,9/83 MARO discusses denial with SHPO
2/11/83 Developer requests meeting with MARO
2/17/83 MARO meets with developer
3/1/83 Project denied by MARO
3/23/83 Request for appeal received

Denial Issues: Violation of Standards 2 & 9 by demolishing all of the garage except the facade and all of the rear buildings, as well as removal of the two central doors and transoms in the garage, and setting back the new infill in the arches.

The new addition violates Standard 9 as it is out of scale with the historic structure and with the district.

MARO comments: An addition of smaller size and prominence could have met the "Standards" More historic fabric of the garage would have to be retained in order to maintain the historic character of the structure.

SHPO comments: Strongly recommends certification. Project has been through substantial review by the SHPO and the City of New Bedford. The overall project is the best achievable solution.

Owners' case: The owners' arguments will be presented at the appeal meeting. See, also, the attached letter