

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

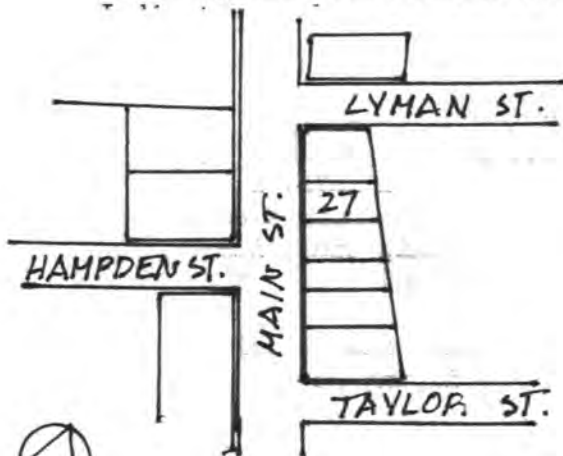
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PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection.



Recorded by Ed Lonergan, ed. Candace Jenkins
MHC
Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date 1/25/79

Assessor's Map #315

UTM Reference 18/698900/4663950

Springfield South Quadrangle

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Springfield

Address 1665 Main Street

Historic Name Hamden Savings Bank (DSMB)

Original Owner Hamden Savings Bank

Use: Present Offices (1965)

Original Bank

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1918

Source Cornerstone/building Permit

Style Classical Revival

Architect Max Westhoff

Exterior wall fabric Limestone

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

none

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; fronts directly

on Main Street in a group of turn of

the century commercial building.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community.)

Westhoff's design for the Hampden Savings Bank is a fine example of Classical Revival detailing. The facade is pleasantly proportioned with its pedimented center entrance bay and large second-story windows set in antis from a row of Ionic pilasters. It is a good local example of classical revivalism; other related examples include several banking and insurance companies as well as municipal offices.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Hampden Savings Bank possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Constructed in 1918, it represents the growth of this savings institution which had been chartered at mid-century to serve railroad workers. Additionally, it is a good local example of the Classical Revival style. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Hampden Savings Bank had been founded in 1852, the year of Springfield's incorporation as a city, and was always located within a few blocks of the depot. One of the major reasons for its chartering had been to service the railroad workers. In 1918, this block was built expressly for Hampden Savings Bank and was designed by Max Westhoff.

Westhoff came to Springfield in 1917 from Saranac Lake N.Y. where he had had a small office. He designed several houses for Springfield's more well-to-do citizens in the next two decades, as well as the William Pynchon Memorial Building at the Quadrangle.

The Hampden Savings Bank had a long-standing reputation as one of Springfield's leading thrift institutions. It was chartered as a savings bank ready for the business of promoting thrift. From 1852 until 1871, it shared banking rooms with Agawam National Bank. In 1899, needing more space, it relocated to the Fort Block at Main and Front Streets. At this time, its deposits stood at \$3,100,532.50. From then until the 1950's, the bank's greatest growth was experienced. This 1918 building represented the first of two moves to its own building. As the bank continued to expand its deposits, it relocated its main headquarters again in 1952 to a new building at 19 Harrison Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date, and publisher)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Hampden Savings Bank (Downtown Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/25/82

Action: ☐ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 12/22/82
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USDT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide

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 *D. Byers* Date *12/22/82* Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 2 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Downtown Springfield
Railroad District

Keeper

Bruce Lee May 1 5/27/83

Attest

12. Chapin National Bank Building Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 2/24/83

Attest

13. Henking Hotel and Cafe

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Attest

14. Massachusetts Mutual Life
Insurance Company

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible
Keeper

Bruce Lee May 1 2/24/83

Attest

15. Old Post Office

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

16. Olmsted-Hixon-Albion Block

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 2/24/83

Attest

17. Hampden Savings Bank

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 2/24/83

Attest

18. Fuller Block

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 2/24/83

Attest

19. Stearns Building

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 2/24/83

Attest

20. Morgan Block

Substantive Review

Keeper

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MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 4/1/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/24/83

Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

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