

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

142-D

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

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 674 Main StreetName I.O.O.F. BuildingPresent use institutionalPresent owner 664 Realty Trust
664 Main Street3. Description: Worcester, Mass.Date 1906

Nutt, C.

Source History of WorcesterStyle Classical Revival (Beaux Arts)Architect Clellan W. FisherExterior wall fabric brickOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features rusticated brick base,
pedimented limestone entry, slightbalconies with ornamental ironwork,
limestone courses mid-20thAltered cornice crested removed Date centuryMoved no Date _____Assessors' Book 3, p. 14
5. Lot size: Lot 20 6892 sq. ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 35'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'6. Recorded by B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date December 1977

(over)

UTM
19/268450/4682110

7. Original owner (if known) International Order of Odd Fellows

Original use clubhouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	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)

Designed by Clellan Fisher of Worcester, a former partner of Stephen Earle, the I.O.O.F. Building is an opulent example of Beaux Arts Classicism, a popular style of the early twentieth century. The building's facade (east) is faced with brick laid up in a Flemish bond and trimmed with dressed limestone. Three bays wide, the facade is symmetrical, rising from a low basement to a rusticated first storey. Centered on the first storey is an elaborate limestone entry with a pediment (decorated by a shield) set on consoles with garlands. On either side of the entry at the second storey are stone balconies with original iron railings. The facade's second and third stories are framed by three arches, above which the fourth storey contains three tri-partite windows, each with a stone balcony and iron railing. At the roof is a pressed metal cornice from which modillions and cresting of acroteria have been removed. The building was constructed by a local builder, E.J. Cross, at a cost of \$110,000. Although used for storage, the I.O.O.F. Building retains nearly all of its original features.

First organized in Worcester in 1844 as the Quinsigamond Lodge No. 43, the International Order of Odd Fellows was one of several fraternal organizations in Worcester which grew to have enormous memberships in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The founders of the Quinsigamond Lodge were Joseph Coburn of Boston (a mason who was then temporarily living in Worcester while building the 1844 section of the Worcester County Courthouse) and four of Coburn's employees, also

(cont.)

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

Engineering Record, vol. 52, 9/30/1905, p.52 (building notice)
Worcester Magazine, vol. II, no.12, 12/1906 (article and photo.)
 vol.XII, no.12, 12/1909, (article and photo.)
 Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. II, pp. 937-939 (history and photo.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Worcester	Form No: 142-D
Property Name: I.O.O.F. Building	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9.

Temporary residents of the city. A charter was granted to the Quinsigamond Lodge on May 1, 1844; it then met at the Masonic Hall. By 1917 the membership had risen to 3,015, broken up into six lodges, most of which met at the Main Street building. In addition the organization sponsored the formation of four Rebekah Lodges (for women) and "two encampments" with a membership of approximately 1,900 in 1918.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

Concur with Bruce'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 bldgs 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. BODs were not necessary because

OTHER

Accept
M. C. R. G. H.
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Pledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 16 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 ~~except~~ ^{now} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/ NR staff + State. DOUBLE

BRANCH CHIEF

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 & claims 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



I, O. O. F. Building

142-D
Worcester, MA

674 Main St.

South + east
elevation

30 AUG 1979

JUN 1979



by Boney

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304