

FORM B - BUILDING

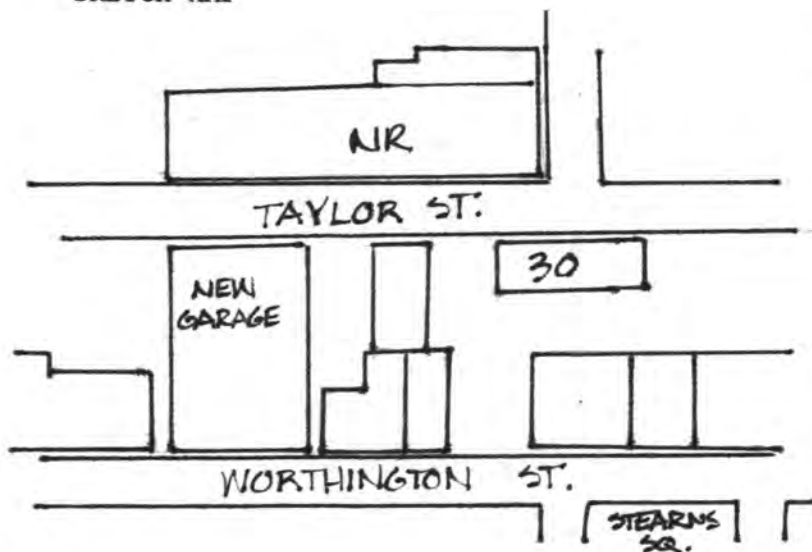
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
3000	30

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SKETCH MAP



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

Date January 25, 1979

UTM Reference: 18/699060/4664040
Springfield South Quadrangle
Assessor's Map #309

(Staple additional sheets here)

✓ Town Springfield

✓ Address 51-59 Taylor Street

✓ Historic Name Springfield Steam Power

Company Block (DSMRA)

Original Owner same

Use: Present Commercial

Original Industrial

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1881

Source Springfield Directory 1882 - 83

Style Panel Brick

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

5 Major alterations (with dates) _____

storefronts mid 20th century

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; partially surrounded

by parking lot and other period

buildings.

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

The Springfield Steam Power Company Block is a three story, brick industrial structure with a freestanding rectangular plan. Although the first story on the north elevation has been infilled, the block retains most of its Panel Brick features. These include segmental arched windows containing 10/10 sash and a patterned brick cornice.

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

The Springfield Steam Power Company Block possesses integrity of location and setting, as well as substantial integrity of design, materials and workmanship. It is significant for its associations with a major nineteenth century power company and as the home of several small scale industrial concerns. It is an excellent example of a typical Springfield pattern; an industrial block constructed for lease to pledging companies who often went on to erect space of their own. It also exhibits important features of the Panel Brick Style which was popular for late 19th century industrial buildings. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

During 1881 the Springfield Steam Power Co. was organized. The incorporators were the directors of the Wason Car Manufacturing Co. and the purpose of the company was to supply power to manufacturer occupying blocks erected by the Wason Co.. Title to these blocks, located on Lyman & Taylor Streets, was transferred to the Steam Power Co., in what was reported to be the largest single real estate deal in Springfield's history. The company advertised that their power was so great, a 400 horsepower double engine with four boilers generating steam, that they would erect other buildings as rapidly as desirable tenants demanded them.

Work was begun almost immediately on this three story brick block. The first occupant was the Springfield Sewing Machine Co. Over the years, a number of industrial concerns have occupied this block. Prominent among them were J.B. Chapman & Co. brass founders, and John Swaine Co. ironworks.

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

Springfield Directory 1882 - 1883

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Springfield Steam Power Company Block (Downtown
Springfield MRA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 11/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/25/82Action: ☐ 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USFT 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 1 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Whitcomb Warehouse

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

2. Patton Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

3. Patton and Loomis Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

4. Carlton House Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

5. Stacy Building

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ann M. Dwyer 5/27/87

Attest

6. Springfield Steam Power
Company Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

7. Bicycle Club Building

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

8. Wells Block

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

9. Worthy Hotel

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melvin Byers 2/24/83

Attest

10. Smith Carriage Company
District

Substantive Review

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

SPRINGFIELD STEAM POWER COMPANY
BLOCK (DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD MRA)

HAMPDEN CO
MA

Working No. 11-16-82 / 3025

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 4/1/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/24/83
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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USIT References _____

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 350



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TWO
HAVE YOUR
PARKING
IN REAR

THE BROTHERS TWO
DISCO

OPENING

OPENING

30 Downtown Springfield MRA, Ma
Springfield Steam Power Company

Springfield Steam Power Co.
51-59 Taylor St. #30
1"=50' Springfield M&A

POWER

NORTHINGTON

39

40

126.50

24526

SEE DETAIL
"B"

101.59

2536

101.47

885

42.93

4191

97.98
98.7 (DEED)

118.97

42.83

29

42.37

41.43

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47

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51

51 1/2

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53 1/2

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KAYNOR
ST

diminished

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426.71

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diminished
1003

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