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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC [✓] Holyoke City Hall

AND/OR COMMON

Holyoke City Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 536 Dwight Street

CITY, TOWN

Holyoke

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Hampden

CODE

013

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 MUSEUM COMMERCIAL PARK EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Holyoke

STREET & NUMBER

Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight Street

CITY, TOWN

Holyoke

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01040

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

55 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1974

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

294 Washington Street, Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Holyoke City Hall is situated in the heart of the city of Holyoke at the southeast corner of High and Dwight Streets. The building was designed in 1871 by C. B. Atwood of Boston and was completed in 1875 with Henry F. Kilburn of New York acting as architect for the last two years of the project.

The Holyoke City Hall is in a free form Gothic style, incorporating such typical elements as spires, turrets, pointed arches, buttresses, ribbed vaulting, and stained glass. The length of the building on High Street is 190 feet and the width on Dwight Street is 114 feet. The foundation walls are four feet thick and are made of quarried stone. The exterior of the City Hall is quarry faced Monson granite laid in irregular courses. The roof is covered with dark slate interrupted by bands of red and green slate, and surmounted by iron cresting and finials.

The principal entrance on Dwight Street is by way of 18 broad granite steps which lead to a large porch, 14 by 32 feet, finished with deep moulded arches, polished Aberdeen granite columns, richly carved capitals and an elaborate timber ceiling. Six more steps approach three double doorways, each six feet wide, which open into a vestibule with a slate floor.

Rising above the central entranceway on Dwight Street is a tower, 28 feet square at the base, which reaches a height of 225 feet above the sidewalk. At each corner of the tower are circular turrets which terminate in conical roofs of galvanized iron. The tower contains a belfry and clocks on each elevation.

The plan of the Holyoke City Hall is that of a rectangle with two transeptional wings crossing it at either end. The interior of the building is marked by its handsome wainscotting and mouldings and by its rich use of black walnut, oak, white ash, marble and slate. One of the most noteworthy interior features is the great hall of the second story which measures 113 feet long by 75 feet wide by 42 feet high. The roof of this hall is carried by two large longitudinal lattice trusses, 94 feet by 15 feet, finished with heavy moulded transverse braces and terminating on richly carved corbels. The hall also contains ten windows, 15 feet high by 5½ feet wide, filled with richly colored stained glass illustrating scenes of Commerce, Music, Painting, Agriculture, Water Power and Manufactures, and Mechanic Arts.

The building as a whole remains virtually unaltered, and its towering spire continues to be a landmark in the City of Holyoke.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1871-75

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. B. Atwood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Holyoke City Hall is significant as the work of architects C. B. Atwood and Henry F. Kilburn and as a landmark in the City of Holyoke which has remained in continuous use and virtually unchanged since its construction in the late 19th century.

Upon its completion in 1875, the Holyoke City Hall was said to be the finest public building in Massachusetts west of Boston. Plans for the building began in 1871 when a building committee was appointed and funds appropriated for the construction of a city hall. In May 1871 a competition was held in which architects Kilburn, Hathorn, Atwood, Hunt, Potter and Parker were invited to present plans and designs. In August 1871 the building committee formally accepted the design of C. B. Atwood for the new City Hall. Although his initial plans were used for the building, Atwood failed to furnish all the necessary drawings, and so, in October 1874, Henry F. Kilburn of New York was contracted to provide drawings for the project. Kilburn's work began when the walls of the building were up and most of the roof on. His drawings were for the tower and for the interior finish, including the roof of the large second floor hall. The total cost of the land and building, including furniture, was approximately \$ 372,000.

The great hall on the second floor remains one of the most outstanding features of Holyoke City Hall. At the time of its construction, this hall was said to be one of the finest and most expensive in the country. It is capable of seating 1300 people, with an additional 150 in the gallery, and has been the scene of a variety of political and cultural events in the city. The stained glass windows in the hall were also said to be among the most handsome in the state. They were from the Ecclesiastical Stained Glass Works of Samuel West of Boston.

Following the completion of the Holyoke City Hall, the city's business district grew up around the impressive public building. Today the building continues to stand as the visual focal point of the downtown area. The imposing City Hall also remains in use and in appearance just as it was in the late 19th century.

Property

Walpole City Hall

75000259

Hamden

State

Mass.

Working Number

10.20.75.1844

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1 + street plan

limited Bibliography

CONTROL

*OK pl
10.23.75*

HISTORIAN

*Accept
W. R. Lee
11/26/75*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*terrible photo - great
bldg. ACCEPT
Hudson
11/24/75*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cole
11-26-75*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*Accept
Hunt
for study
11.28.75*

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered DEC 6 1975

Federal Register Entry 3-2-76

Re-submit _____

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AND/OR COMMON Holyoke City Hall

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Holyoke VICINITY OF COUNTY Hampden STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Mary Griffith DATE OF PHOTO 1974
NEGATIVE FILED AT Holyoke Historical Commission
City Hall, Holyoke, MA

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

East elevation

PHOTO NO 1

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COUNTY Hampden

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS, Springfield North Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000

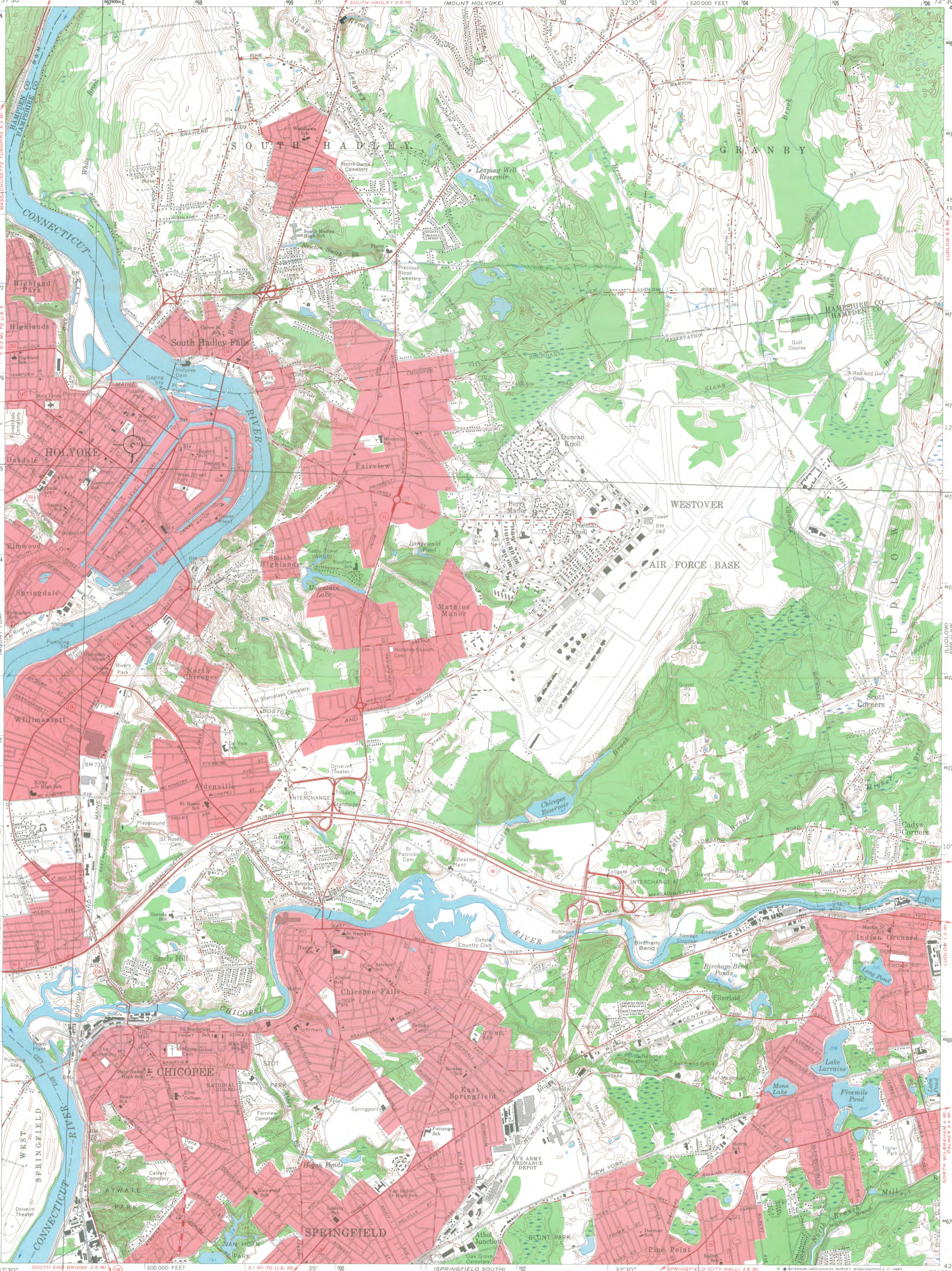
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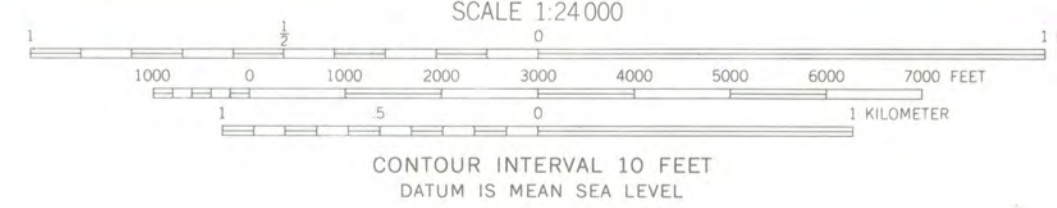
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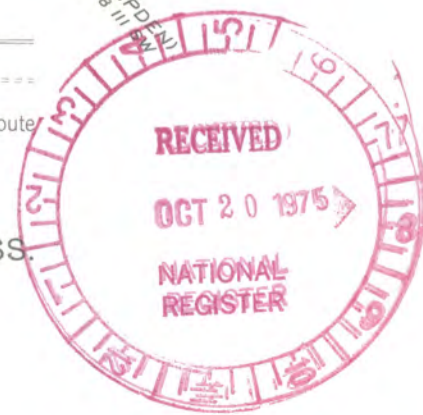
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Holyoke, Mass.
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photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1957
Field check 1958
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route — U. S. Route — State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

SPRINGFIELD NORTH, MASS
N4207.5—W7230/7.5

1958
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STATE MA

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SOURCE Sketch Map

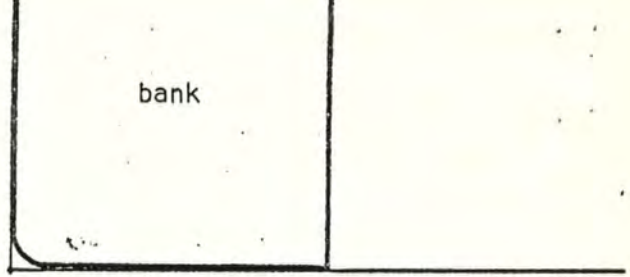
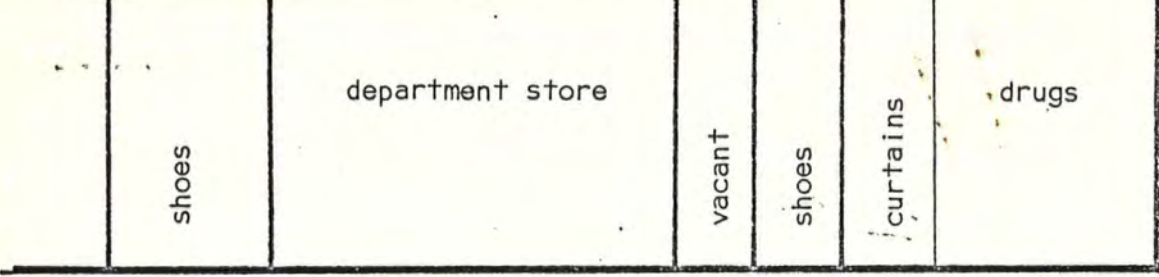
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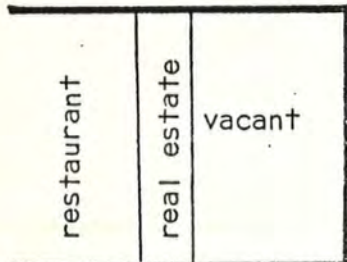
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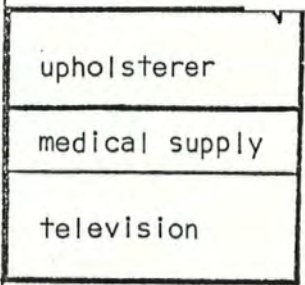
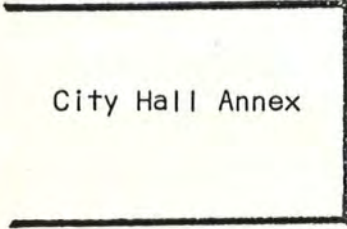
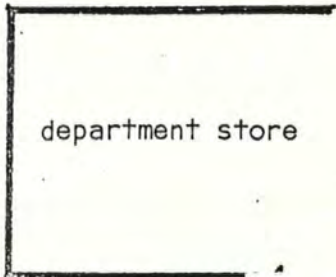
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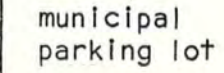
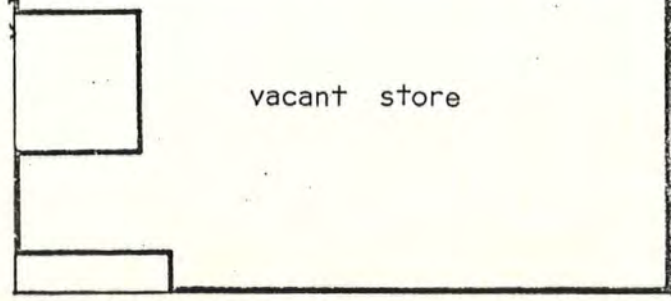
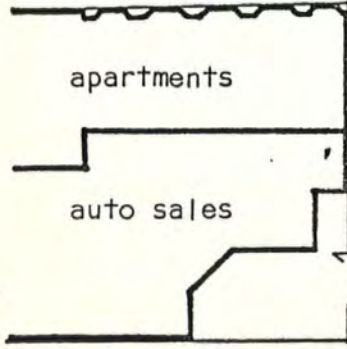
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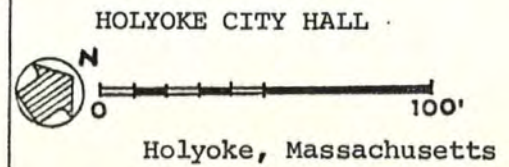
DWIGHT STREET



NEWTON PLACE



RAILROAD STREET







The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street
~~40 State Street~~ Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

7 October 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find three National Register nominations for the following properties:

1. Holyoke, Holyoke City Hall
2. Mattapoisett, Third Meetinghouse
3. Provincetown, Center Methodist Church

These properties have been voted eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/mw

Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered

DEC 1975

Name

Location

Holyoke City Hall

Holyoke
Hampden County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

PR MMOTT: p1 12.12.75

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/23/77
Reviewer INITIALS: [signature]
NR DOE Dec. 6, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ^{v0} Holyoke City Hall

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 536 Dwight Street

CITY/TOWN Holyoke

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Hampden code 013

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR Substantially intact-1
- unknown - 4
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR Substantially intact-2
- unknown - 5
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 6
- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT - DETERIORATED - UNALTERED - ORIGINAL SITE
- GOOD - RUINS - ALTERED - MOVED
- FAIR - UNEXPOSED - Reconstructed - Unknown
- Unexcavated - Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION (S): (use vocabulary words)

then- city hall

now- city hall

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY settlement
ART EXPLORATION MUSIC socio/cultural
COMMERCE INDUSTRY PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION urban & commun
COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: **GOthic RENewal & ROMANESQUE RENewal ELEMENTS**
architect/m-builder: ² C.B. Atwood and Henry F. Kilburn engineer:
landscape/garden designer: ³ artist/artisan:
interior decorator: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal
(label role & appropriate date)
events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): **1871¹/₂/75**
DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) **less than 1**

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) **MONSON GRANITE, 2 1/2 STORIES PLUS SLATE ROOF SECTIONS, with cresting**
ATTC, MODIFIED RECTANGLE, GABLED AND HIPPED ROOF SECTIONS,
INTERIOR CHIMNEYS; 5-STORY ENTRANCE TOWER WITH CORNER TOWER-ELLS, DORMERS, AND CLOCK FACES, and ELABORATE BELOW PYRAMIDAL ROOF; PROJECTING
1-STORY POINTED-ARCHED ENTRANCE PORCH, PROMINENT DOUBLE BELT COURSE,
BRACKETED CORNICE, DORMERS; ROOF CRESTING; ORIGINAL INTERIORS.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) **GOthic RENewal AND ROMANESQUE RENewal ELEMENTS. EXAUBERANT EXAMPLE OF THE WORK OF ARCHITECTS C.B. ATWOOD AND HENRY F. KILBURN.**