

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Springfield

Address 289 - 309 Bridge Street

Historic Name Stearns Building (DSMRA)

Original Owner: Dunlap Realty Group

Use: Present retail and office

Original stores and offices

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1912

Source Building permit

Style 20thC. Commercial/Gothic Revival de-
tail

Architect Samuel M. Green Co.

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

storefronts mid 20thC.

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

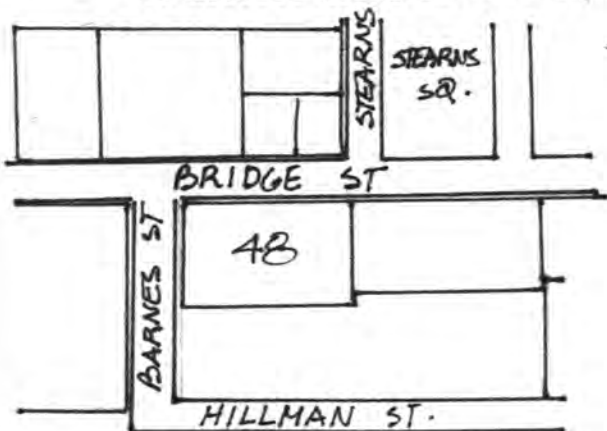
Setting urban context; within an area

of similarly scaled buildings dating

from the mid 19th to early 20th centuries.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or



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Recorded by Ed Lonergan, ed. Candace Jenkins,
(MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date 1978

Assessor's Map #309

UTM Reference: 18/699180/4663920

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Stearns Building is a rather early example (1912) of Gothic Revival motifs adapted to steel and concrete office buildings. The lower stories present a fairly restrained design, with decoration limited to pilaster capitals between shopfront and columnettes between second-story paired windows. It is not until the cornice line that exuberance of Gothic detailing is fully expressed in an array of squat lancet-arched reliefs, tracery corner parapets and small turrets between the bays. This is Springfield's only example of an early twentieth century office tower with historically Gothic Revival detail. Alterations have been minimal, including reconstruction or covering of storefronts.

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

The Stearns Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Constructed in 1912 it represents the rapid expansion of Springfield's downtown and the introduction of taller office buildings during that period. It is the downtown's best example of Neo-Gothic design and survives nearly intact. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

This building is a modern steel and stone structure of six stories which incorporated the unusual feature of concrete floors. The first floor accommodated seven stores with offices on the upper floors. Samuel M. Green & Co. the engineers and architects for the building laid out the sixth floor especially for their offices. The Green company was involved in many varied architectural and engineering projects all over the world and at the time of the erection of this building they were "the largest firm in this line of business in New England outside of Boston(1)

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

Building Department, Building Permits.

(1) Western New England, August 1913, p. 367

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Stearns Building (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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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

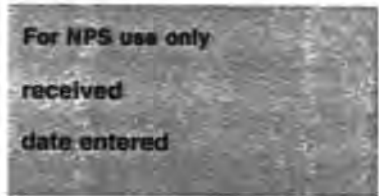
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *A. 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



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

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11. Downtown Springfield
Railroad District

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 5/27/83

Attest

12. Chapin National Bank Building ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 2/24/83

Attest

13. Henking Hotel and Cafe ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 2/24/83

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14. Massachusetts Mutual Life ^{DOE/OWNER OBJECTION}
Insurance Company _{Substantive Review}

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 2/24/83

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15. Old Post Office _{Substantive Review}

Keeper

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16. Olmsted-Hixon-Albion Block ^{Entered in the}
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Helena Byers 2/24/83

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17. Hampden Savings Bank ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 2/24/83

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18. Fuller Block ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 2/24/83

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19. Stearns Building ^{Entered in the}
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 2/24/83

Attest

20. Morgan Block _{Substantive Review}

Keeper

Bruce Lee Byers 5/27/83

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Stearns Building (Downtown Springfield MRA)

Hampden County

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

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Geographic name _____

USIT Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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Ralph's PHARM-A-CITY
PRESCRIPTIONS

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Newton Springfield MRA, Ma
Stearns Building



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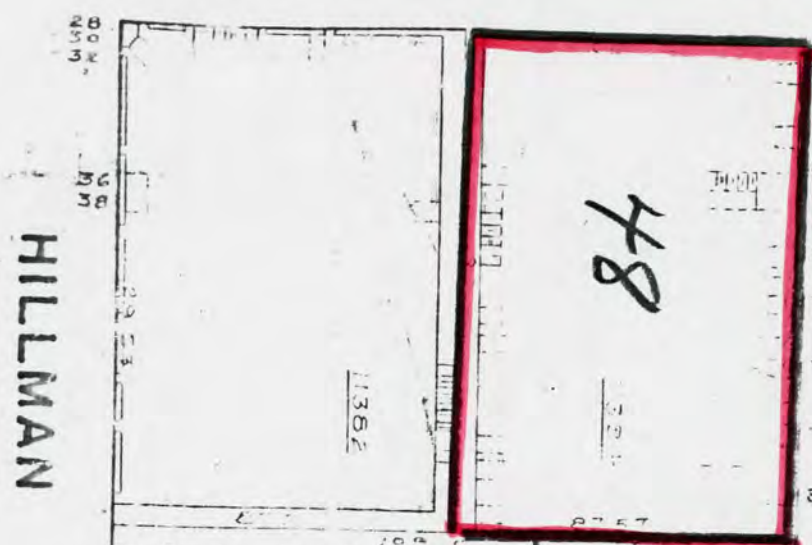
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Downtown Springfield MRA, Ma

Stearns Building

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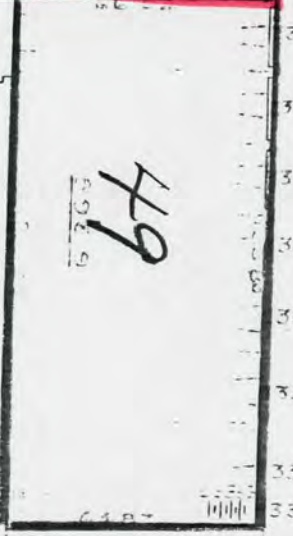
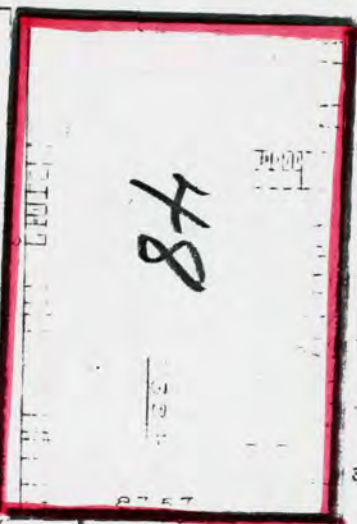


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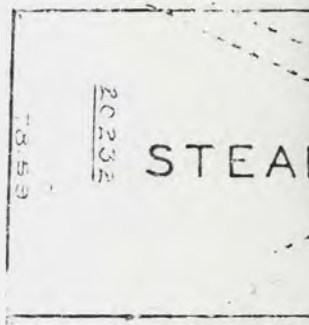
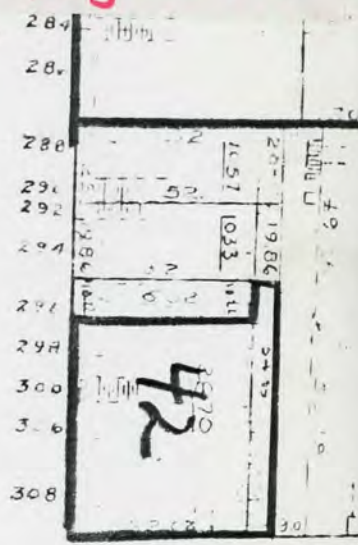
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