



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

## SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 80000455

Date Listed: 12/9/1980

Property Name: West Street Historic District

Multiple Name: Boston Theater MRA

County: Suffolk

State: Massachusetts

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Patrick Andrews*

Signature of the Keeper

*12/5/2017*

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This SLR is issued at the request of the Massachusetts state historic preservation office to make a technical change to the nomination to clarify the boundary of the historic district. The National Register of Historic Places Registration form is amended to clarify that the boundary of the West Street Historic District extends beyond the front facades of the buildings out to the curbs of the streets.

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National Registry property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

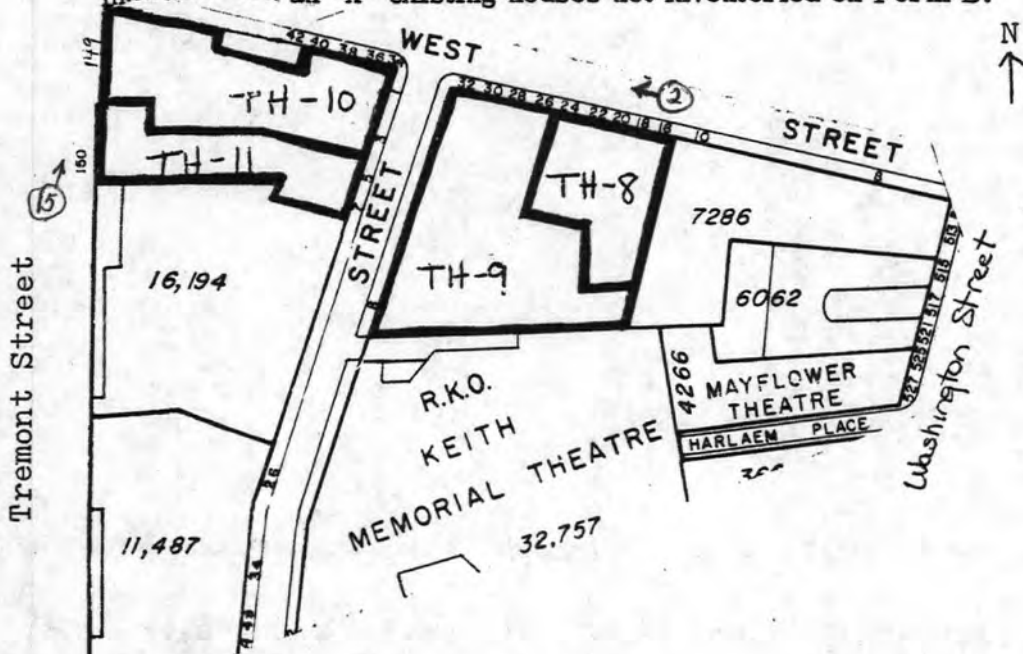
FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
TH-8 to TH-11	B

1. Town Boston (CBD-Theatre)  
Name of area (if any) West Street
3. General date or period early 20th c.
4. Is area uniform (explain):  
Commercial Style  
in style? no ( Renaissance Revival  
Classical Revival )  
in condition? yes ( well-maintained )  
in type of ownership? yes ( private )  
in use? yes ( commercial )

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an 'x' existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by Pamela Fox  
Organization Boston Landmarks Commission  
Date June, 1979

(over)

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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

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

1. Boston Evening Transcript 4/15/1916 and 5/2/1923 (on Chandler & Co)
2. Architectural Review, Vol. xi #12, 1904 p. 254 (on the 1903 Lawrence Building)
3. Architectural Forum, Vo. 39, Aug. 1923, pl. 22-27 (on Schraffts)
4. Boston City Directories

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheets, Section 9

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property see individual and area forms

Quadrangle name Boston South

Quadrangle scale 1"=25,000'

**UMT References**

A 19 329940 4690650  
 Zone Easting Northing  
 C           
 E           
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B           
 Zone Easting Northing  
 D           
 F           
 H         

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The southern boundary of the Theatre Area starts at a point on Washington St., 520' south of the intersection of Kneeland & Washington. From this point it runs due west along an arbitrary straight line to a point on Charles St. South 442' south of Stuart Street. From thence it follows Charles St. South one block north to the intersection of Stuart St.,

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, Registration Director by Pamela Fox  
Boston Landmarks Commission  
 organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date     
 street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470  
 city or town Boston, state MA 02108

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
 national     state     local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia Weslowki date 10/20/80  
 title    date   

**For HCERS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

James W. Ray Luce date 12/9/80  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: Patrick Adams date 12/4/80  
 Chief of Registration



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Boston, MA  
Historic Resources of the Boston  
Theatre Area

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Pamela Fox, April & May, 1979  
Negative at Boston Landmarks Commis-  
sion, Boston, MA

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Photo #2 of 15, West St. District,  
Lawrence Bldgs., 148-9 and 150 Tremont  
St.

West Street District { Lawrence Buildings  
148-9 and 150 Tremont St, Boston MA



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Photo #15 of 15, West St. District,  
16-24 West (Schraffts), 26-32 West  
(Fabyan Bldg.) & side of 148-9  
Tremont Street

West Street District, 16-24, 26-32 West St, & side of 148-9 Tremont St  
Boston MA



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000272

Property Boston Theatre Multiple Resource Area

DUE  
1/7/81

State MA, Suffolk Working Number 11, 7, 80, 2781

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 11  
Maps 1/13

This multiple resource area is significant for the quality of its architecture and for its association with the development of the important Boston music industry and growth of the theater/movie house industry. The district's and individual buildings achieved significance between c. 1890 and the 1930's - contained in this m.r.a. are significant groups of late 19th/early 20th cent. commercial buildings, the center of the music industry (especially piano manufacturing) and examples of every kind of theater that developed in Boston in this period. This is a good multiple resource nomination - they have included all the required categories of information.

**HISTORIAN**

accept  
Patrick Andrews  
12/4/80

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*accept all*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2.2.82

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered DEC 9 1980



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

March 9, 2005

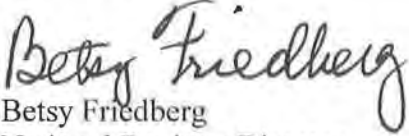
Ms. Carol Shull  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Technical clarification, Boston Theatre MRA

Dear Ms. Shull:

This request is regarding a technical clarification for the boundaries of the four districts within the Boston Theatre Multiple Resource Area (12/9/1980), Boston (Suffolk), MA: the Beach-Knapp Historic District; the Liberty Tree Historic District; the Piano Row Historic District; and the **West Street Historic District**. In keeping with current National Park Service practices, please note that the boundaries of the National Register districts should extend beyond the front facades of the buildings out to the curbs of the streets. Thank you for making this technical adjustment.

Sincerely,

  
Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Cc: Roysin Billett, Boston Landmarks Commission