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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

O'Shea Building

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1-15 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Peabody

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Essex

CODE

009

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

NAME

Paul J. Liacos & Katherine Liacos Izzo

STREET & NUMBER

11 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Peabody

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

South Essex Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #60

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The O'Shea Building at 1-15 Main Street is a two story Renaissance Revival commercial block located in downtown Peabody, close to Peabody Square. It is rectangular in plan with a 160 foot frontage on Main Street (north) and a 60 foot frontage on Nichols Lane (east), a minor side street. These two elevations are faced with rusticated limestone at the first story and glazed buff brick with granite and pressed metal trim at the second story. The rear elevation (south) is faced with red brick; the west elevation is a party wall.

The Main Street facade is symmetrically composed about a slightly projecting central pavillion. At the ground floor level there is an arched center entry flanked by three store fronts on either side. While these have been altered and obscured by modern signs, they retain their original spacing and dividing piers. A pressed metal entablature, bearing the words O'SHEA BUILDING above the entrance separates the first and second stories.

The second story contains a series of round arched window openings divided into pairs by corinthian pilasters. They all have heavy archivolts with egg and dart moldings, carved keystones, and an ornate shell motif in their transoms. Originally 1/1 double hung sash has been replaced by single panes only in the four eastern bays. The building is crowned by a full corinthian pressed metal entablature. These decorative elements are continued for one bay on the east elevation.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☒ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1903-1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT M. F. Burk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The O'Shea Building possess integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship and is one of the finest and least altered commerical blocks in Peabody. Constructed by the City's leading entrepreneur to house a variety of retail uses, this block foreshadowed the development of downtown Peabody as a major commercial area in the early twentieth century. This growth reflects the industrial boom which Peabody was then experiencing, particularly in the field of leather manufacturing.

In 1903, when Main Street was still mainly residential in character, Thomas H. O'Shea purchased a lot of land east of the City Hall (NR) from Dr. G.S. Gordon. Planning to develop the area for commercial use, he had two dwellings and a shop moved and another dwelling and shop demolished. Construction began in 1904. Burk and Sanborn of Lynn were the architects while the contractors - James C. Linehan, excavating and stonework; Edward H. Potter, masonry; Abraham Lumus, carpentry; Hamblett & Hacks Co., hardware and metalwork; M.E. Lynch, plumbing and heating; were all local. The original tenants were: George S. Curtis, druggist; D. F. Bresnahan, dry goods dealer; George H. Jacobs, clothier; E.E. Gray and Co., grocers; Miss NL. Stockwell, milliner. The second floor housed several fraternal organizations like the Emerald Court, M.C.O.F.; Court George Peabody, Foresters of America; Union Post #50, G.A.R.; Leo Council, Knights of Columbus; and an attorney, James J. Sheehan. A mixed usage continues today.

O'Shea was born in Peabody in 1867. He quickly became established in the dominant leather industry, first in partnership with James F. Ingraham Sr., manufacturing morocco then with A.P. Phillips, finishing India goat skins, then finally on his own. O'Shea also dealt in real estate and at one time was the City's largest land owner and tax payer. He served as a director of the Warren National Bank in 1906 and as its Vice President from 1911 until his death in 1920. He was also a trustee of the J.B. Thomas Hospital.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Peabody Correspondence," Salem Evening News, March 16, 1903.
Wells, John. The Peabody Story, Essex Institute, Salem, 1973.
pp. 279, 344, 378, 380-81, 384, 408.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18,953 sq. ft.

QUADRANGLE NAME Salem

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 34 17 00 47 09 17 00
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached assessors map. This property is lot #171 of map #85.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Wells, Chrm.
Peabody Historical Comm.

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Robert H. Weslowski

10/24/79

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-11-80

ATTEST:

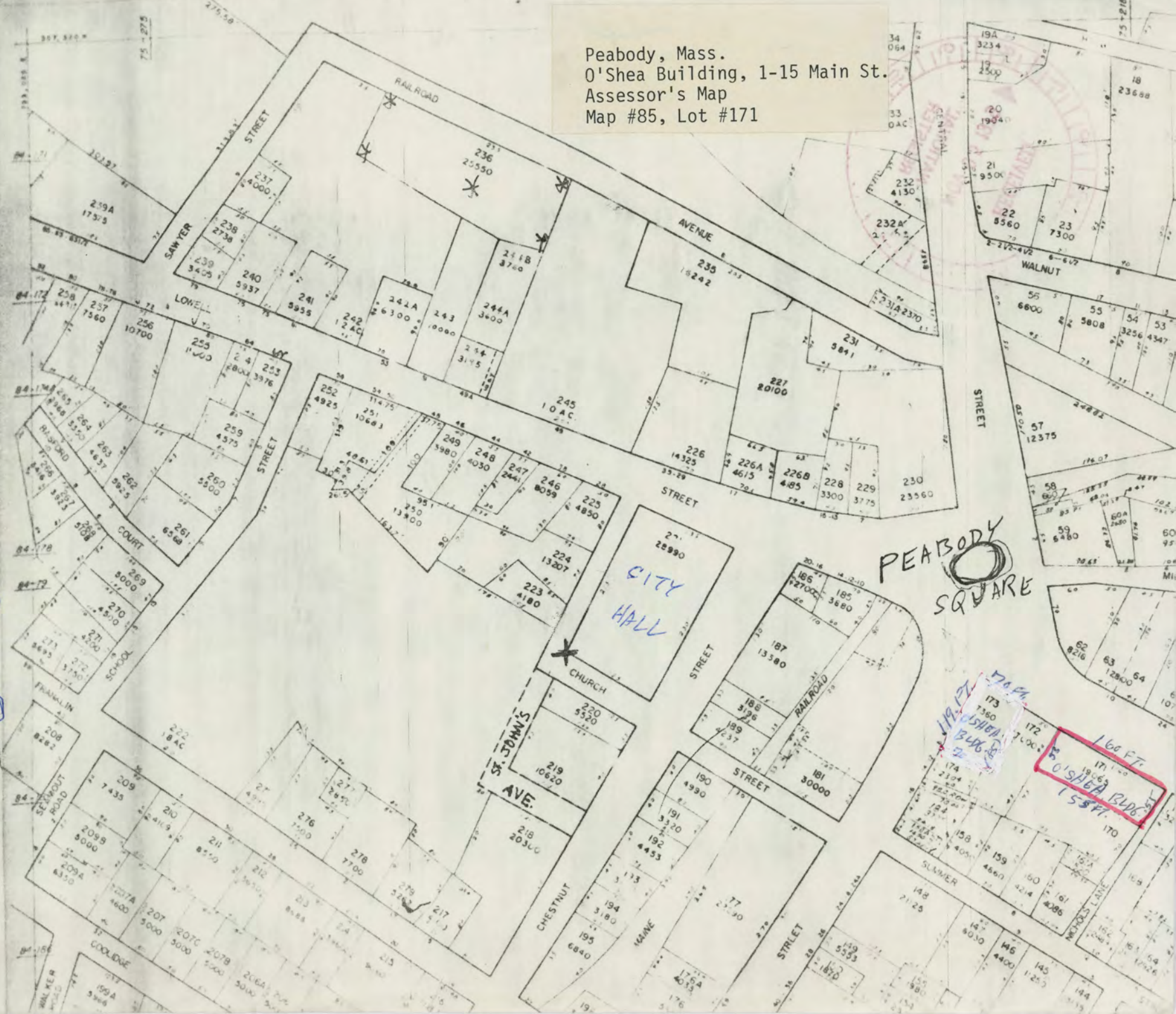
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

1/8/80

Peabody, Mass.
O'Shea Building, 1-15 Main St.
Assessor's Map
Map #85, Lot #171

PEABODY
ASSESSORS
MAP
85
LOTS
171
(19,065 SQ. FT.)
x
173
(7,360 SQ. FT.)
O'SHEA
BUILDINGS



PEABODY
SQUARE

O'SHEA BLDG.
171
19,065 SQ. FT.
158 FT.
170

Boothman
J. 24th
153
2
151
2702
82
WAB
29022012
190045



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Property O'Shea Building
State Mal Essex Working Number 11-5-79 2655

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

THE BUILDING IS ONE OF THE BEST PRESERVED

COMMERCIAL BLOCKS IN PEABODY. IT WAS BUILT BY A PERSON WHO WAS THE CITY'S LARGEST
LAND OWNER AND TAXPAYER AT THAT TIME.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
MAR DOUGLAS
1/8/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Peabody, Mass.
O'Shea Building
1-15 Main Street
Ray Wallman
24 Main Street, Peabody

JAN 11 1980
1978

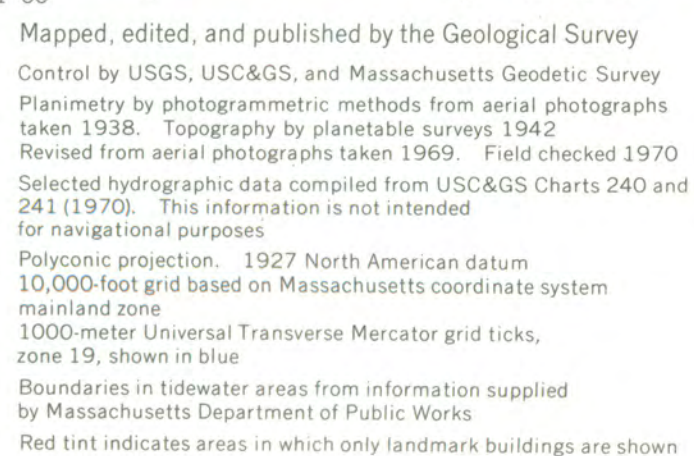
Photo #1 *ESSEX County*
Main Street facade facing northwest

MASS.

Associates

TO MADE
SIVILLY

SALEM QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-ESSEX CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface _____	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface _____
Secondary highway, hard surface _____	Unimproved road _____

Legend: Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

SALEM, MASS.
N4230—W7052.5/7.51970
AMS 6869 III SW—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JAN 11 1980**

Name

Location

Quincy Town Hall

Quincy
Norfolk County

O'Shea Building

Peabody
Essex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Brian J. Donnelly
Honorable Nicholas Mavroules

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Maslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Byers/hjr 1/21/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343