

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

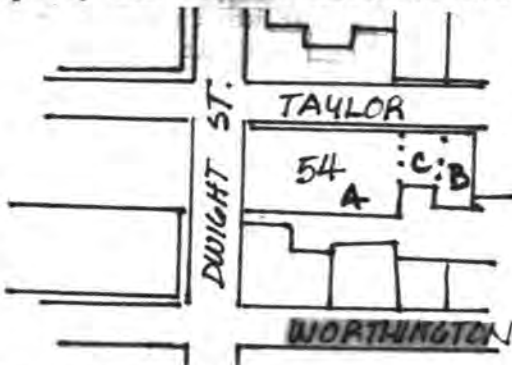
AREA	FORM NO.
3000	54

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection.



A- 1874  
B- 1888  
C- c. 1910

Recorded by Fred Clark and ed. by Candace Jenkins (MHC)

Organization Springfield Historical Commission

Date 1978

Assessor's Map #313

UTM reference: 18/699120/4664110

Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

Town Springfield

Address 395-405 Dwight St. and 99 Taylor St.

Historic Name Baystate Corset Block (DSMBA)

Original Owner Robinson, Marsh & Co.

Use: Present commercial

Original manufacturing

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1874/1888/1918

Source Springfield Directory, p. 412

Style Panel Brick — Taylor St. Facade

Architect Robinson Marsh & Co.

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Taylor St. addition 1888

Dwight St. facade 1918

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; occupies corner

lot at busy intersection. Many surroundin

buildings of the period have been

demolished or heavily altered.

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

The Baystate Corset Block is a large four story brick structure occupying the corner of Dwight and Taylor Streets. The Taylor Street facade, erected in 1884 reflects the typical panel brick features of the period -stilted segmental window arches and decorative corbeled cornice. The Dwight Street facade, dating from 1918, consists of brick piers dividing triple glazed bays. The building preserves most of its original elements, including 6/6 sash and storefronts, intact.

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

The Bay State Corset Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant for its associations with two local manufacturing firms and because its growth and development are clearly revealed in its well preserved design, It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Construction of this large block was begun in 1874 with two woodworking concerns as its first tenants. P.P Kellogg bought the building in 1883 for his paper products business, and in 1888 built an addition along Taylor St. . Ten years later Baystate Corset began manufacturing their well known "womaen's and children's waists." They remained at this location through 1920, modernizing the Dwight Street facade in 1918.

The building's main historical association is with the Bay State Corset Company located here from 1895 to 1920. This company was established at West Brookfield in 1884 by C.L. Lomstead and Myron W. Sherman. Two years later, it moved to Springfield, at first occupying quarters of 50 X 100 feet in this block. By 1888, the firm had grown to the extent that it built the four story rear addition to the block.

During its peak years, Bay State Corset Co. produced 5,000 corsets daily. The top floor was devoted to cutting rooms, the middle two floors to over 400 sewing machines run by young women workers. In all, 75 to 80 different styles of corset were produced. The firm was one of the largest makers of corset on the continent and sold its goods to wholesalers and retailers nationwide.

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

- Springfield Street Directory, 1874-1875, p. 412
- Centennial Map of Springfield, 1875
- Springfield Daily Republican, January 1, 1889, p. 3
- Picturesque Hamden, 1891, p. 148
- Springfield of Today, 1898, p. 26
- Progressive Springfield, No. VII, p. 183

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Baystate Corset Block (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  excellent  deteriorated  good  ruins  fair  unexposed  
Check one  unaltered  altered  
Check one  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Average of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USMT References \_\_\_\_\_

X 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 3 of 5

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
✓ 21. Cutler and Porter Block Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 22. Produce Exchange Building Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
23. Edisonia Theater Block <del>Substantive Review</del> <b>Determined Eligible</b> <b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>	Keeper <u>Tommy Han Doye 5/27/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 24. Baystate Corset Block Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 25. Smith's Building Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Tommy Han Doye 2/29/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 26. Y.W.C.A. Building <del>Substantive Review</del> <b>Determined Eligible</b> <b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>	Keeper <u>Tommy Han Doye 2/29/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 27. Driscoll's Block Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 28. Fitzgerald's Stearns Square Block Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
✓ 29. Trinity Block Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
R 30. Kellogg's Envelope Block Substantive Review	Keeper _____ <u>S + T</u> Attest _____

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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

National Register  REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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Geographic name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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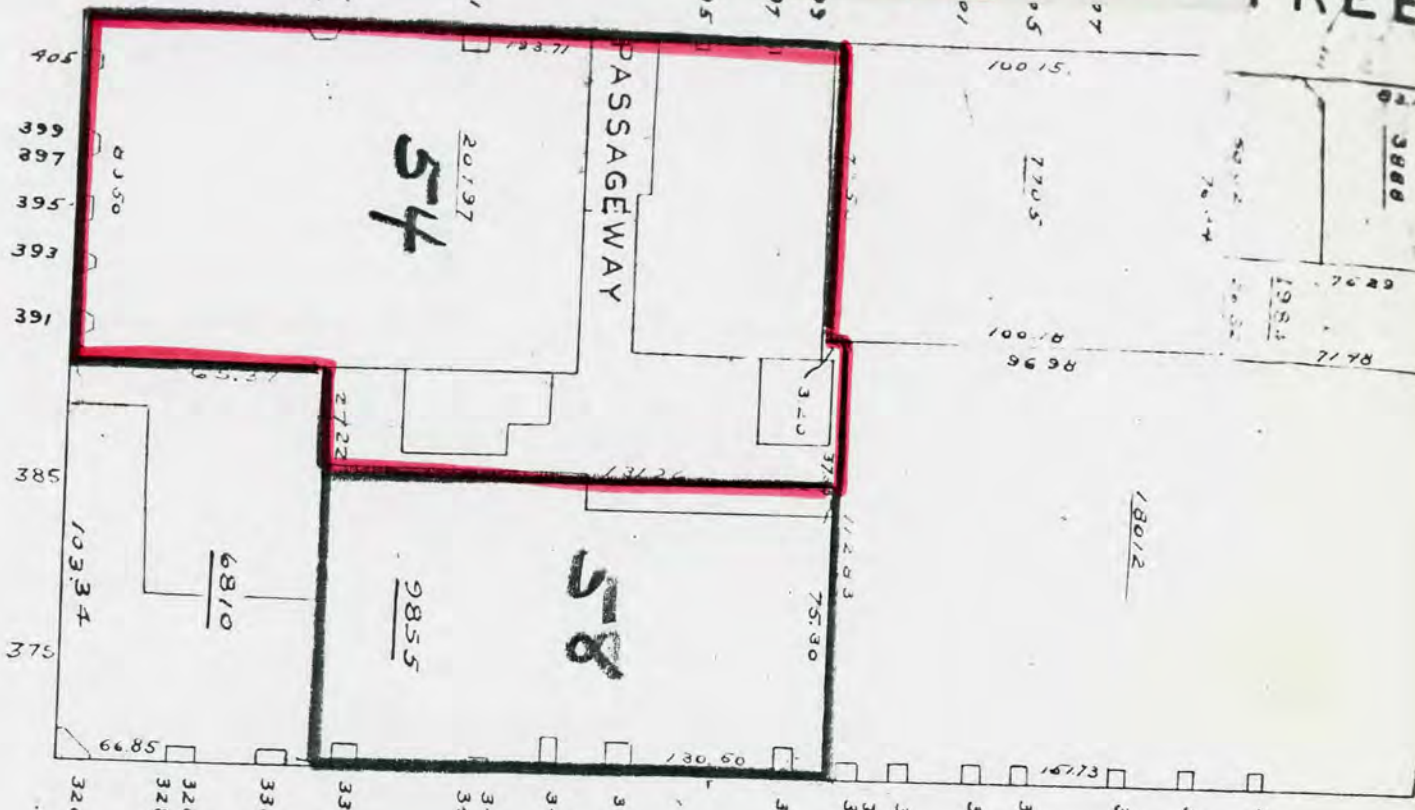


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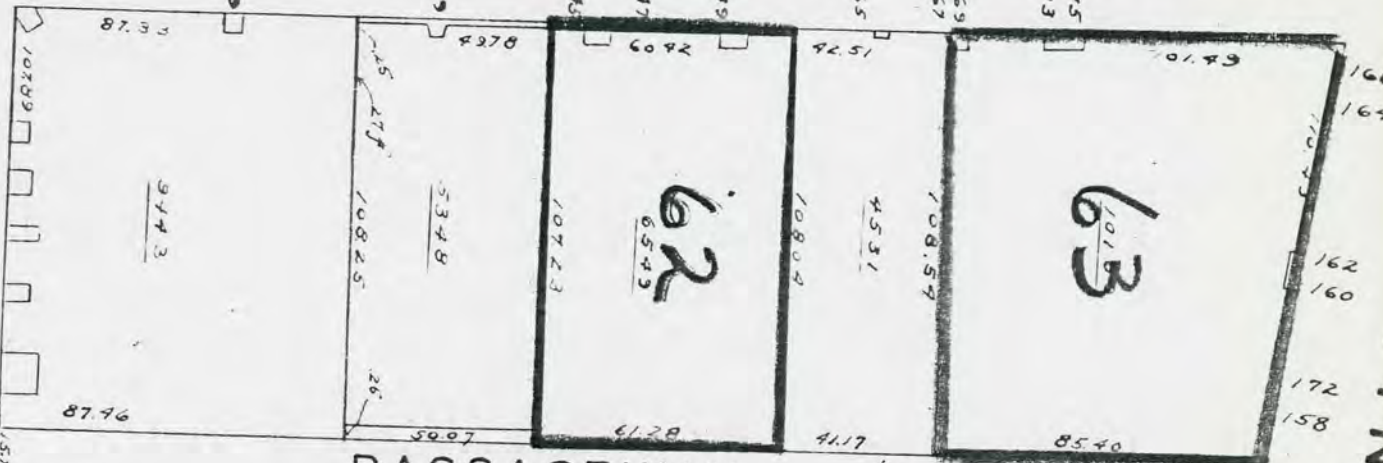
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1"=50' Springfield MA

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WORTHINGTON STREET



PASSAGEWAY

DWIGHT



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