

FORM B - BUILDING

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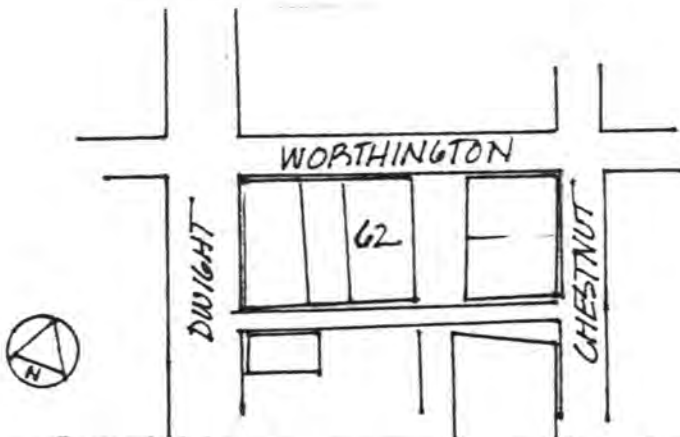
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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. Indicate north.



Recorded by Fred Clark, ed. Candace Jenkins

Organization Springfield Historical Commission scaled commercial and industrial building

Date February 14, 1979

UTM References: 18/699220/4664140

Springfield South Quadrangle

Assessors' Map #313

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Springfield

Address 345-349 Worthington St.

Historic Name Hibernian Block (DSMAA)

~~Original Owner Ancient Order of Hibernians~~

Use: Present fraternal, commercial

Original fraternal, commercial

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1910

Source SDR 1-2-10, P. 10

Style Classical Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

addition of fourth story mid-

20th C.

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting urban context; set among similarly

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

The Hibernia Block is a rather atypical expression of the early twentieth century Classical Revival style in Springfield. Like several other examples of the period, it employs a tri-partite composition with large vertical window expanses. Unlike other buildings, these expanses are divided by brick piers rather than classical columns of the giant order.

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

The Hibernian Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Built by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 1910, as an assembly hall, it has housed a succession of ethnic meeting places since. As such, it stands as a key building with associations to Springfield's important ethnic groups. It meets criteria A of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians built this block and used the third floor as an assembly hall; the remainder was rented as retail space. The AOH was organized into four lodges at the time this building was completed in 1910, two of which used this hall as headquarters. The Melha Temple Shrine was located here from 1924 until 1962. The hall next served the Lebanese American Club, and then in 1978 the Hispanic Social Club.

The Springfield chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized in 1882 with approximately 100 members. Its first president was Thomas E. King and headquarters were initially located in the First National Bank Building.

The Hibernians were one in a multitude of fraternal and social organizations formed in the Late 1800's. Other groups included the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Grand Army of the Republic, to name a few. Formation of the Hibernian Order reflected the pattern of Irish immigrants who had settled in Springfield and sought to maintain ties among their community.

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

Springfield Daily Republican, January 2, 1910; p. 10
Springfield Union, November 8, 1962
Springfield Street Directories
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Hibernian 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<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

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide VBD

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

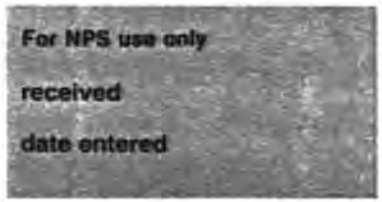
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Signed *D. Byers* Date 12/22/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

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



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 4 of 6

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
31. Hibernian Block	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
32. McIntosh Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
33. Willy's Overland Block	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
34. Haynes Hotel Waters Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
35. Springfield District Court	<u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Thomas Mac Boyd 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
36. Walker Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
37. United Electric Company Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
38. Radding Building	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
39. Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melona Byers 2/24/83</u> Attest _____
40. Guenther & Handel's Block	<u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Thomas Mac Boyd 2/24/83</u> Attest _____

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 4/1/83

Action: ACCEPT 2/27/83

Entered in the RETURN

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Geographic name _____

USIT Reference _____

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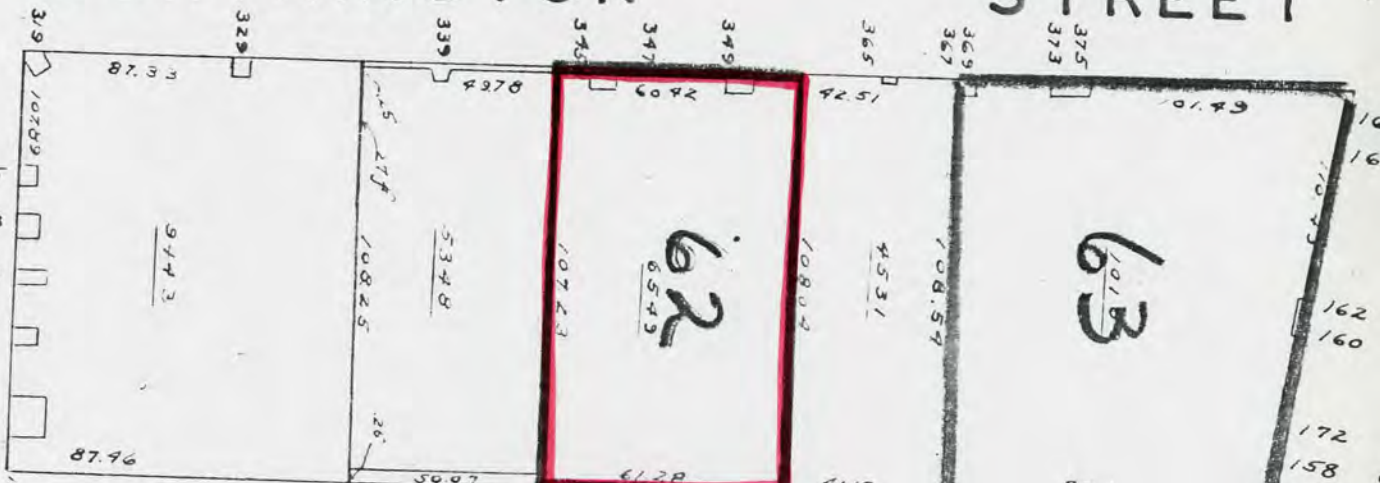
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