

ref no 20000611

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	130-CBD-46

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

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 27

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

UTM
19/268640/4682290

1. Town Worcester
 Address 600 Main Street
 Name Babcock Block
 Present use commercial/vacant
 Present owner Palace Realty Inc.
Kenneth R. Stanhope

3. Description:
 Date ca.1860-1870
 Source city atlases
 Style granite post & lintel facade
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric granite/brick
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features structural granite front
(apparently not a facing over brick
arched window muntins, tie-rod
plates on south wall
 Altered store front Date 1960s
 Moved no Date _____
 5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 3, p.19A
Lot 11-- 2,558 sq.ft.
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 25'
 Approximate distance of building from street
10'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date November 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) C.B. Babcock (1871)

Original use commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A rare local example of granite construction, the Babcock Block's trabeated granite facade is unique in Worcester. The block is five stories high with elevations facing Main and Austin Streets. Facade windows of the third, fourth and fifth stories are glazed with double-hung sash, the top halves of which have arched muntins. The block's Austin Street elevation is faced with pressed brick and heavily studded with star-pattern tie-rod plates. Except for its modernized store front and the replacement of some second storey sash, the Babcock Block is intact. It is likely that the block was built around the same time as the neighboring Colton Block (Form 130-CBD-45) for Chester Babcock, a building mover whose house was at #2 Austin Street. The building's earliest known occupant was J.R. Emery & Co., grocers (188).

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

Worcester Illustrated Business Guide (1880), p.79.

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. DUBIE

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bays need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{Both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. VBDS were not necessary because

OTHER
ACCEPT
MacDougal
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Evidence was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are
✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 16 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

Inventory _____
Review _____

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries but believe they could be OK. ~~Based~~ ^{Based} on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + state.} DUBIE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____ SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



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130-CBD-46
Babcock Block
600 Main St
Worcester MPA, Ma
South & east
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304