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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

✓ Town Springfield

✓ Address 1113-1115 Main Street

✓ Historic Name Burbach Block (DSMRA)

Use: Original commercial

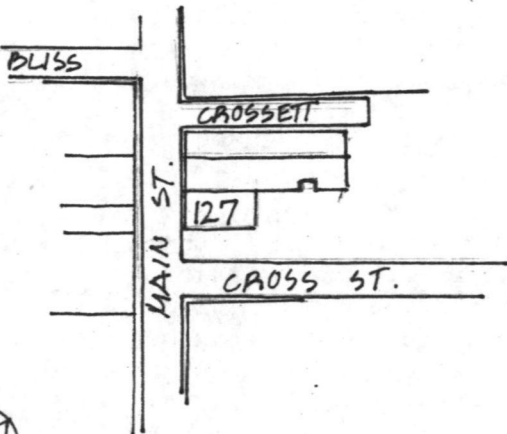
Present commercial/offices

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____

Original owner Burbach family

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1882

Source Springfield Historical Commission

Style Panel Brick

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____
1981 Rehabilitation
1950 - storefronts
proposed renovation to offices - 1981-82

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting Urban context; at edge of a row of similar buildings; new public improvements/ park front building to the south.

Recorded by Margo Webber

Organization Anderson Notter Finegold Inc.

Date June, 1981

Assessor's Map #312
 UTM Ref: 18/699640/4663480
 Springfield South Quadrangle (Staple additional sheets here)

Criteria Statement: The Burbach Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. It is significant as one of the few remaining smaller late 19th century commercial blocks which once dominated the southern end of Main Street. Recently rehabilitated following a fire, this building continues to preserve its original design features. It meets criteria ^{A+C} of The National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Burbach Block is a good example of smaller late 19th century commercial blocks which at one time were particularly prevalent in the southern blocks of Main Street. This area of Main Street was more commercially-oriented than the factory/industrial area to the east, and it serviced the expanding residential neighborhood of the South End. The Burbach Block is three stories in height and five bays wide. The facade is treated with brick coursing and window hoods typical of the period. The corners are capped with merlons which add to the decorative appearance of the facade. Simplified coursing wraps around to the south elevation whose paired upper story windows now overlook a small park.

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

The Burbach Block was built in 1882 on a site which had previously been owned by H.W. Pearl, a local flour dealer. It was built by Gerard Burbach, who served as proprietor of the adjacent United States Hotel (demolished in 1915), from the 1870's until 1894. The block was associated with the Hotel during these years and may actually have served as a sort of annex to the Hotel during the 1880's and '90's.

The Burbach family had a strong association with the United States Hotel during its most prosperous years. The Hotel was erected in the early 1850's and owned by a German named Mr. Busch. It was the fifth hotel built in the city. In 1857, the 3-story frame building was acquired by Gustave Gruendler, who managed it until the 1870's, when the Burbach family took over. Mrs. Augustus Burbach, Gerard Burbach, and later his son Louis Burbach managed the German Hostelry until 1894, during its peak years. Later, in 1913, there was a debate to remove the building's south side in order to widen Cross Street. Two years later, the Hotel was demolished.

The Burbach Block outlasted its earlier neighbor and continued to house a variety of commercial shops in the 20th century. Among these were a dry goods store, saloon, restaurant, and later a furniture store.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Permits
City Atlases
Street Directories
Stearns Street Directory, 1858
Hampden County Register of Deeds

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Burbach 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
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair 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 Reference _____

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 *A. Byers* Date *12/20/82* 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

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Downtown Springfield Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Colonial Block

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

42. McKinney Building

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

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43. Bangs Block

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

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44. Burbach Block

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National Register *for* Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

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45. Apremont Triangle Historic
District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Anna Lee Byers 5/27/83

Attest

46. WCA Boarding House

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Melona Byers 2/24/83

Attest

47. French Congregational
Church

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48. St. Joseph's Church

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49. Milton-Bradley Company

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Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
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Burbach Block (Downtown Springfield MRA)

Hampden County

MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. H/10/82-3025

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 4/1/83

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Entered in the RETURN

National Register REJECT

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Downtown Springfield/MRA, Ma

Burbach Block

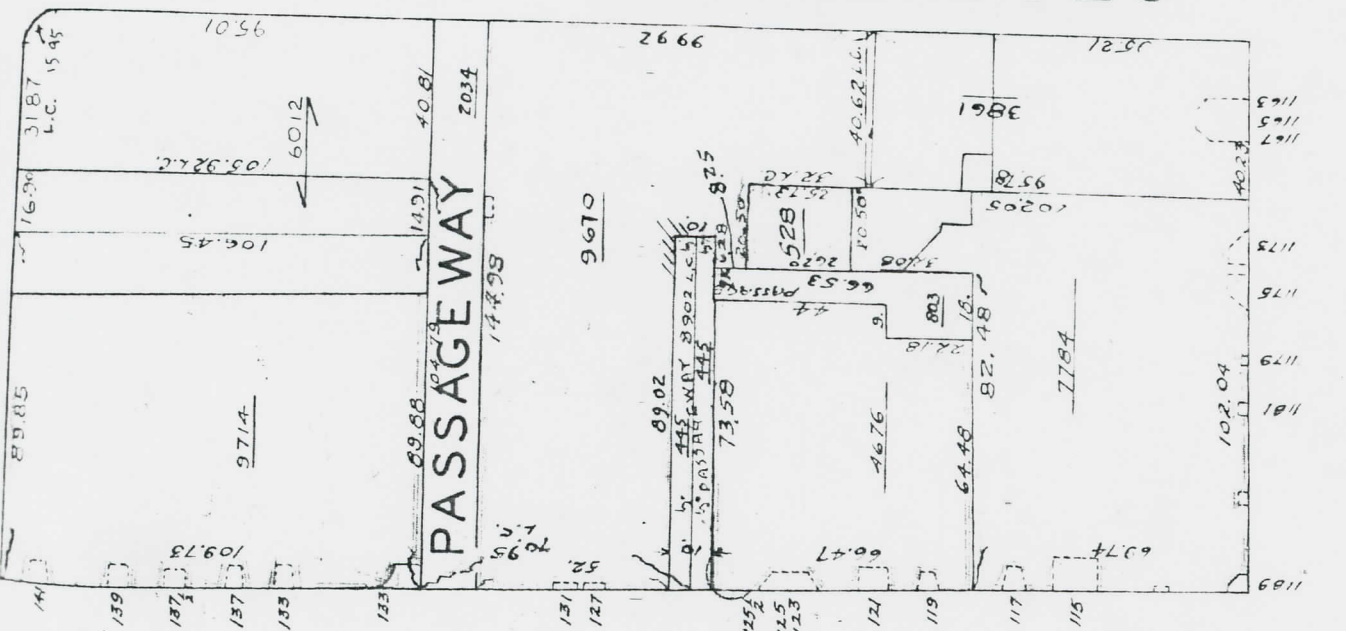
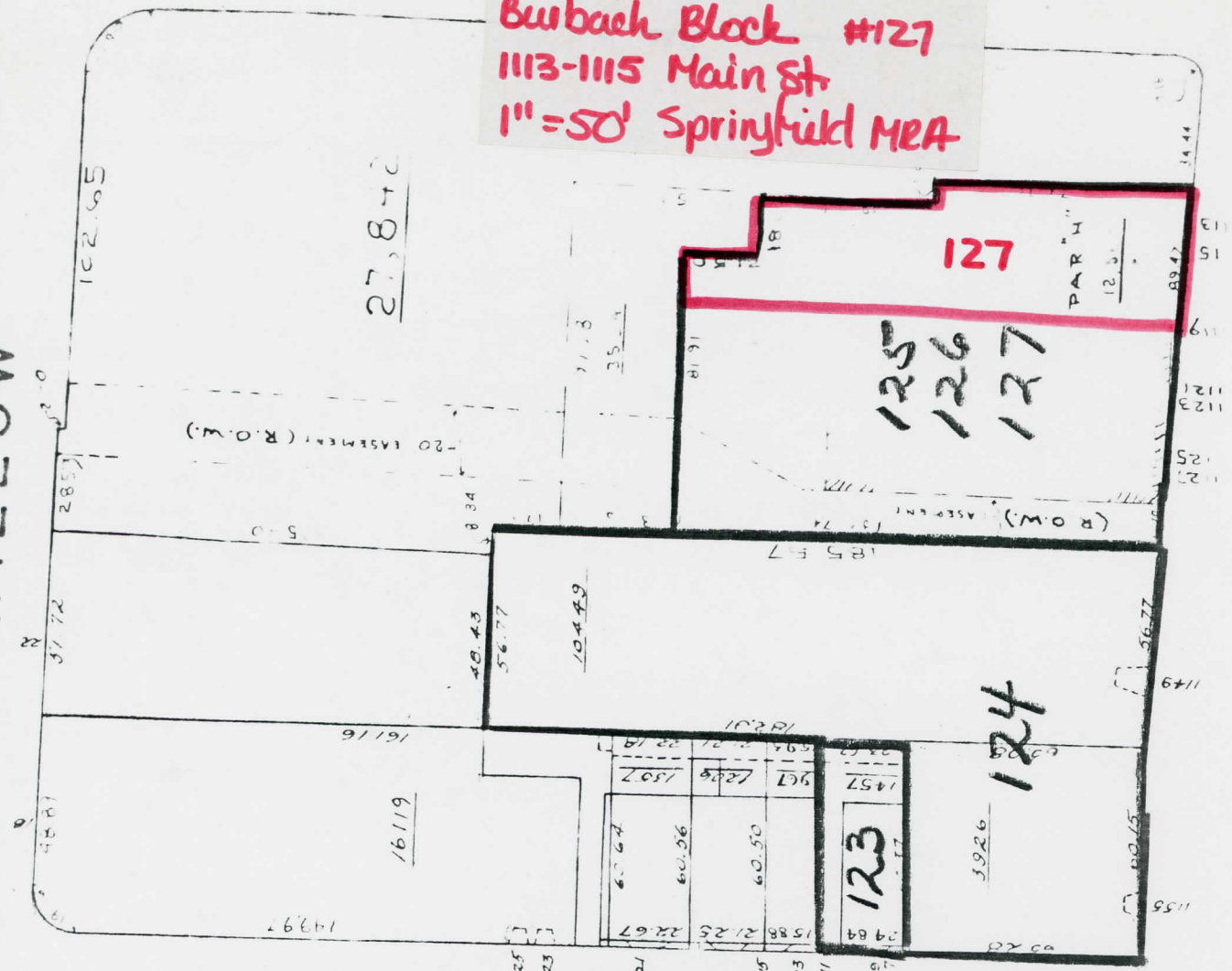
WILLOW

Burbach Block #127
1113-1115 Main St
1"=50' Springfield MRA

STOCKBRIDGE

STATE

MAIN



188.65

89.28

282.33