

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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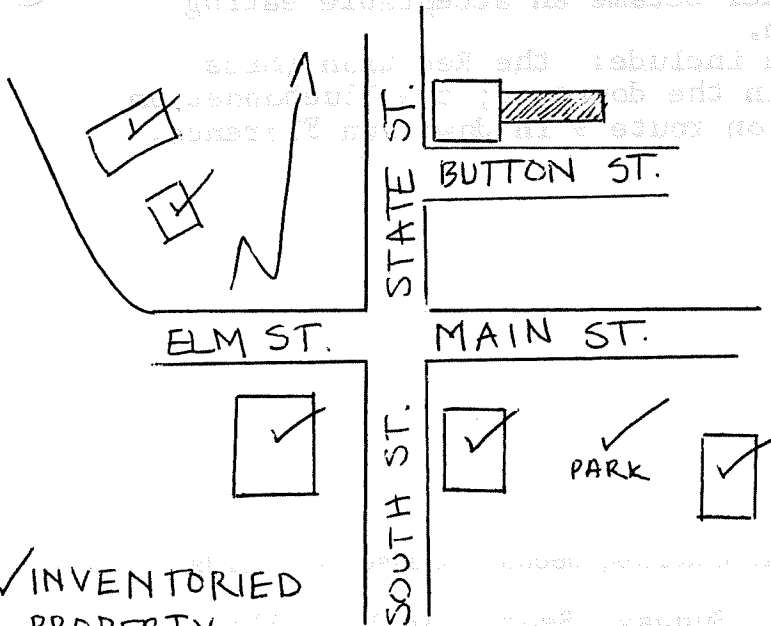
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In Area no. <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>31D-111</u>
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Northampton  
 Address 11-21 State Street  
Diner  
 Present use Second-hand store  
 Present owner Fred Lloyd & Carl Brooks  
 Description: early 20th century  
 Source visual evidence  
diner interiors  
 Architect unknown

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



Exterior wall fabric stucco (recent)  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features single story; railroad car form with small addition, left. counter and tiled floor  
 Altered yes Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no? Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 70 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street on Button Alley

6. Recorded by C. Dubie  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 Date June 3, 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) unknown

Original use Diner

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Diner/second hand store (1975)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	<del>Examination</del>	<u>X</u>
Communication	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____
Community development	_____				

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

This diner on Button Alley in Northampton is one of four diners in the city. Although it has undergone considerable modification on the exterior, interiors still include tiled floors and fine woodwork.

The ancestor of the 20th century diner was the 1880's "dog wagon," a horse drawn vehicle dispensing sandwiches and coffee. Catering to the fringes of the population, these late 19th century diners were regarded with some suspicion and distaste. In the post-World War I years, however, diners designed along the lines of railroad cars became popular. The interior counter with stools was joined by booths and the diner became an acceptable eating place for the general population.

Other diners in Northampton include: the Red Lion (Miss Northampton), on Strong Avenue in the downtown; the Bluebonnet on King Street; the Miss Florence, on route 9 in downtown Florence.

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

The New York Times, Sunday, September 15, 1974, Travel and Resorts section, p. 1.