

FORM B - BUILDING

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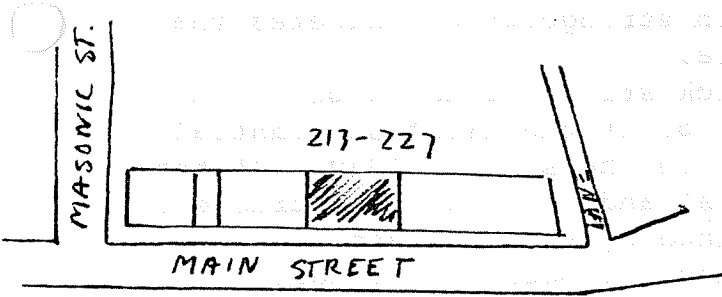
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Northampton
 ss 213-227 Main Street
Pierce Block
 nt use Commercial/residential
 nt owner Samuel Goldman
 iption:
1869
August 24, 1869
 ource Daily Hampshire Gazette
Victorian Commercial

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



Arcmctect Wm. Fenno Pratt
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features intricate brickwork
cornice, brick also interestingly
used in place of stone as window
surrounds
 Altered fenestration Date _____
 Moved altered no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 40 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
5 feet

MEMORIAL HALL
 UNITARIAN CHURCH
 CITY HALL
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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date May 1, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) C. H. Pierce

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This four story brick block on upper Main Street was built in 1890 and replaced a wooden structure about twenty years old. The latest block in the group, the Pierce Block is the only structure on upper Main Street in which the windows in the facade are functionally grouped rather than evenly spaced. Round brownstone arches unify window spaces and a thin stringcourse indicates the horizontal division of interior space.

The block is the first brick structure to be built on the site. C. S. Crouch, a merchant, built the first substantial building, a four story wooden block, on the site in 1870. At that time, the brick structures to the east and west were constructed. Both the adjoining blocks were designed by Wm. F. Pratt; the name of the architect of the 1890 block has not been determined.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Daily Hampshire Gazette, July 5, 1870; March 1890