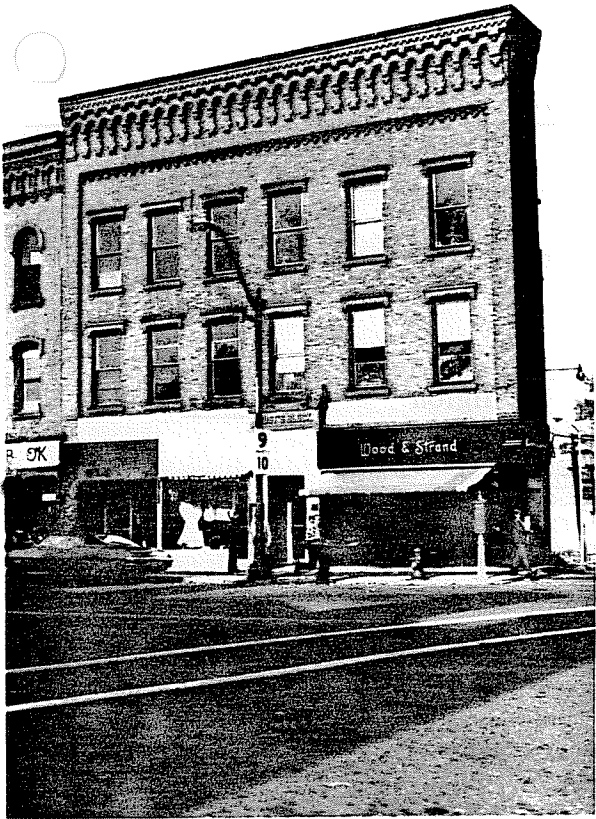


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1. Town Northampton

Address 207-211½ Main Street

Name Rust's Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner Leonard Gruber

3. Description:

Date 1867

Source Registry of Deeds, Hampshire

Style Victorian commercial

Architect Wm. Fenno Pratt

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features brickwork cornice,

flat brownstone window arches in

facade, round arched windows on side

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50 feet

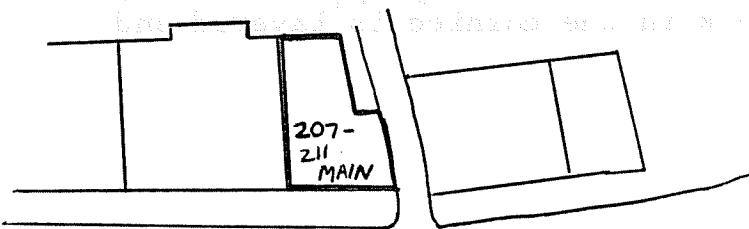
Approximate distance of building from street
flush with sidewalk

6. Recorded by C. Keith Wilbur

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date April 1, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Theodore and Charles Rust

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial

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"/>
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The Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

The building stands on the old homestead of Joseph Lyman. Owners of the property prior to 1867 were Samuel F. Lyman, Hannah E. Brewer, Frances Brewer, Joseph Lyman, Eliza Henshaw, Thomas Jones, Joseph L. Jones, William G. Jones, Susan Lesly, and Catherine R. Delano. The building was sold in 1870 by Theodore and Charles Rust, who had bought the property in 1867 for \$2500.

—C. Keith Wilbur

The Rust Block was designed in 1867 by William Fenno Pratt. Although much attention was given to the decorative cornice (fully a quarter of the area of the facade), the facade is rather static. The slightly recessed window area contains a dozen evenly spaced windows with plain flat arches. The brickwork in the cornice is layered and vaguely gothic in flavor.

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

Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County.
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