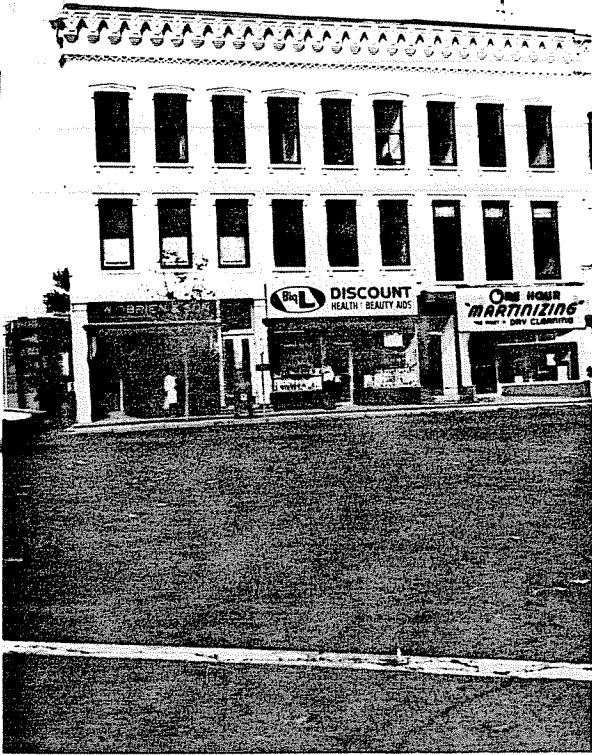


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1. Town Northampton

Address 199 & 201 Main

Name O'Brien Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner James O'Brien

3. Description:

Date 1868

November 5, 1867
Source Daily Hampshire Gazette

Style Victorian Commercial

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features flat arches in first story, small pediments in second story, brickwork cornice

Altered 3 painted white, windows lengthened

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75 feet

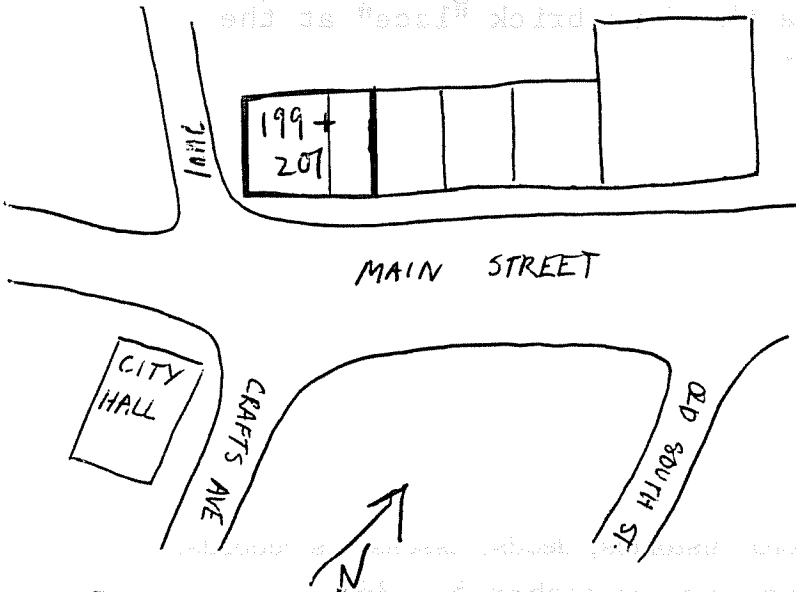
Approximate distance of building from street
flush with sidewalk

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date April 1, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) S. Carr & Brothers.

Original use commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The O'Brien (Carr) Block was one of the first brick blocks to rise on the north side of Main Street in response to rapid commercial development in the late 1860's. Small pediments top the windows of the upper story and a brickwork cornice decorates the roofline. Iron columns define the retail space on the ground floor. The O'Brien block is quite similar to the Rust Block (1867) across the lane, and may be the work of W. F. Pratt, although he is not mentioned in connection with its construction. The window pediments of the Carr Block are a bit more ambitious than those of the earlier 1867 Rust Block and resemble those of Pratt's 1871 Wright Block (now the Sherwin Block). Details like the fine brick "lace" at the cornice line are present in each.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Daily Hampshire Gazette, November 5, 1867