

FORM B - BUILDING

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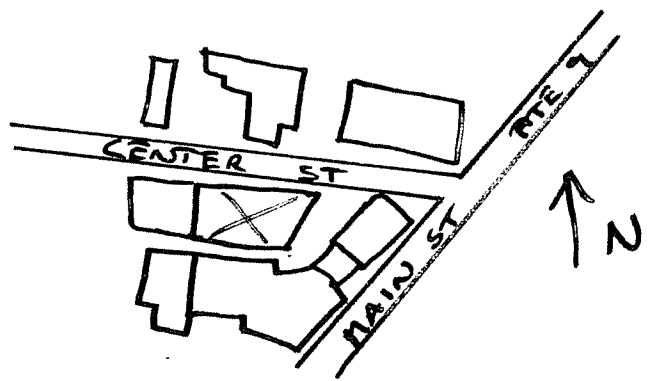
Town Northampton
 Address 10-22 Center St.
 Historic Name Central Chambers
 Use: Original office and commercial
 Present office and commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner E.G. Southwick

DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1912
 Source S.O.R.
 Style _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings _____

 Major alterations (with dates) _____

 Moved --- Date _____
 Approx. acreage one acre or less
 Setting _____

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

The block has a central entrance for the upper floors, with three stores on either side. Composite stone is used for trim on the block, with most of this being concentrated on the fifth floor, providing a strong contrast to the floors below.

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

" The 1912 building record of Northampton is the best in the history of the city... The largest item in 1912 was the handsome five-story block on Center St., including six stories and 70 office rooms, built by E.G. Southwick at a cost of \$75,000. It is the largest block in the city and marks an important step in side street development."

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