

FORM B - BUILDING

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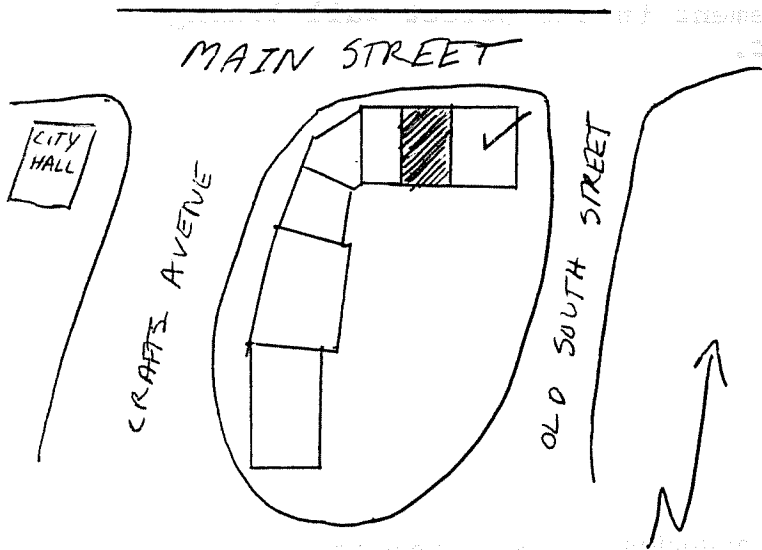
In Area no. <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>31D-161</u>
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City Northampton
 Address 184&186 Main Street
 Name Raymond Block
 Present use commercial
 Present owner Adolph Raymond
 Description: c. 1900
 Source visual evidence
 Style Neo-classical Revival

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

✓ other inventoried property



Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric pressed concrete
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features 4 stories; pilasters at corners and defining window areas decorative panels between 3rd & 4th floors
 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 5 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
 Date August 1, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) not known

Original use commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/
settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/
invention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/
humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Community development | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

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

This modest classical revival style commercial building, located on Main Street and flanked by two mid nineteenth century stores, is one of several examples of this late nineteenth century style in Northampton. Four stories in height, the structure is fashioned of concrete and features panels of Sullivanesque ornamentation between the third and fourth floors. The greatly increased window area and larger size of window units is evident on comparison of the block with its earlier neighbors. The attempt to adapt classical forms to the commercial building results in tall pilasters supporting a wide cornice above the fourth story.

The block is an important element in the street wall lining the southerly side of Main Street.

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