

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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Northampton

Address 180 & 182 Main Street

Hillyer's Store

Present use Commercial

Present owner John T. Curran

Description:

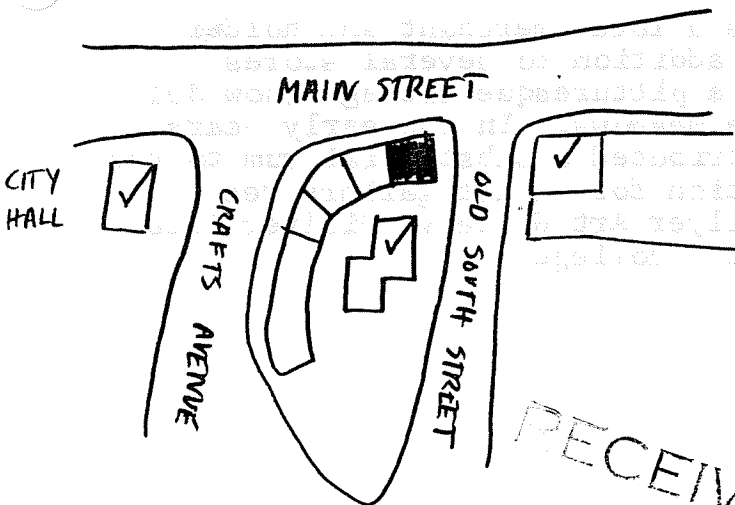
pre-1850

Registry of Deeds 5/30/1850  
Record 128.302

early nineteenth cen. commercial

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 brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 3 stories with small double windows in 3rd story; stone lintels over windows

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 25 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
5 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical

Commission Date May 27, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Winthrop Hillyer?

Original use Stores

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Stores and offices

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"/>
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)

The block at the corner of Main and (Old) South Street is one of the earlier brick blocks on Main Street. Stone lintels span window openings in the 2nd and 3rd stories; pairs of smaller windows are used in the top story. The bracketed cornice of the Hillyer Block appears on several other early nineteenth century stores and contrasts the delicate brickwork cornices introduced in the 1860's and used extensively in downtown Northampton.

Winthrop Hillyer was a local merchant and holder of considerable property. In addition to several stores on Main Street, Hillyer owned a picturesque cottage (now 351 Bridge Street) overlooking the meadows. In the early years of Smith College, Hillyer contributed a substantial sum to the school, His \$25,000 contribution for an art gallery resulted in the construction of the Hillyer Art Gallery; Hillyer later in his will left property to the college.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Daily Hampshire Gazette June 28, 1881; June 26, 1883. Registry of Deeds 128.302