

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

ss 24-32 Pleasant Street

Dewey Block

nt use Sheehan's Bar, St. Regis
, Croteau's Hardware

nt owner Kenneth and Joseph P.
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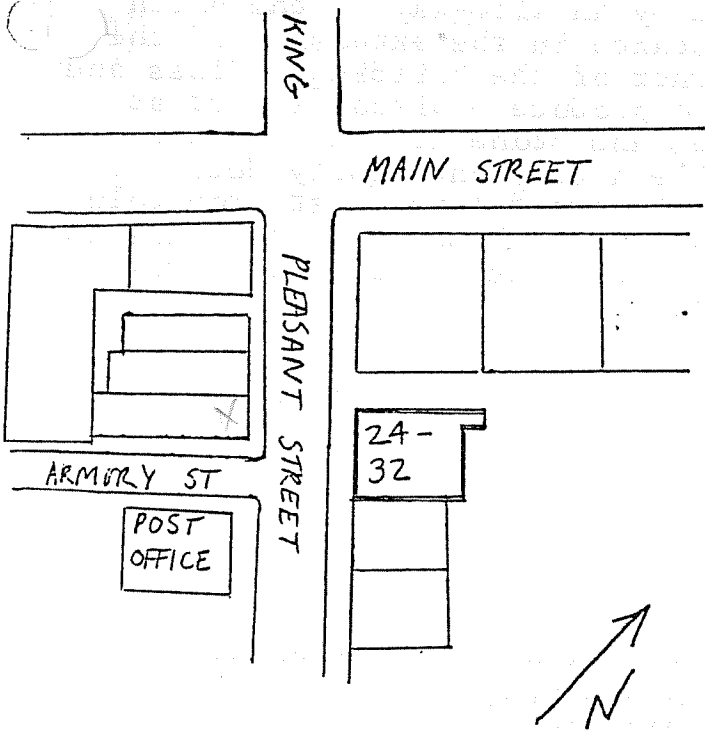
c. ~~1912~~ 1899-1900

Photo collection, Forbes
Library

. Richardsonian

SPRINGFIELD ARCHITECT
unknown. B. H. Seabury

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



Exterior wall fabric Tawny Brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Brownstone trim, cast
iron supports, metal cornice, stained

glass in upper windows. Interior of
Sheehan's includes original fixtures.
Altered no Date

Moved no Date

5. Lot size:
One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 75 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
5 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical
Commission
Date April 15, 1975

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) John F. Dewey

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"/>
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 checked="" 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 richly decorated commercial block is located on Pleasant Street and stands on the site of a wooden block built in the nineteenth century. It was built about 1912 for John T. Dewey, a local businessman who also owned the block at 39 Main Street (1896). Photographs of the collapse of the old Union Block, corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, in 1914 reveal that the Dewey Block had been built recently.

The two story structure is bordered by an alleyway at the north and takes advantage of this circumstance in the extension of the facade around the northwesterly corner of the building. Glass and metal and brick and stone combine to produce a visual effect at once rich and light. Metal cornices and stone arches join the window area in the second story while a deep and finely detailed metal cornice caps the structure. At street level cast iron columns support a continuous metal architrave beneath which plate glass is used extensively. Double hung windows in the upper story carry transoms with stained glass effects.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Photograph collection, Forbes Library; Northampton Directory, 1912, 1913.