

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no. <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>32C-1748</u>
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Northampton
68-74 Main Street (1)
76-88 Main (2)

Kirkland Block
Lambie Block

present use Commercial

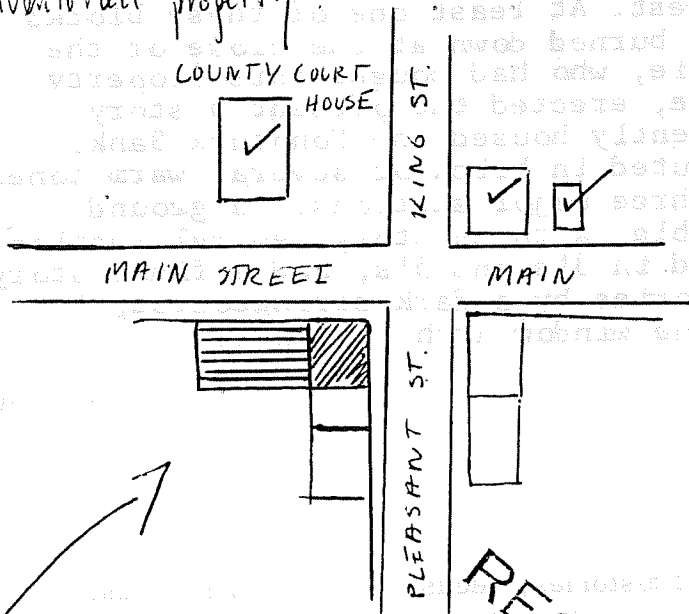
present owner Maurice Carlson (1)
V. R. C. Inc. (2)

description:
1848 (1)
1895 (2)

source Registry of Deeds 126.141 (1)
Gazette March 5, 1921 (2)
Victorian Commercial (1)
"Richardsonian" (2)

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

✓ inventoried property



site unknown 1&2

Exterior wall fabric red brick (1)
gold brick (2)

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 stories, fine cornice (1); 5 stories, marble on ground floor, romanesque arches in fifth. (2)

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
One acre or less each Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 25' (1); 50' (2)

Approximate distance of building from street
5 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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7. Original owner (if known) Harvey Kirkland (1); J. Lambie (2)

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Victorian brick block on the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets is the only remaining block of several built on Shop Row, Main Street, by merchant Harvey Kirkland. This block was originally occupied by the Holyoke Bank and was built in 1848. In December of 1848, Kirkland conveyed a lot of land, "being principally covered by the Holyoke Bank, a new Brick building lately erected by the grantee and being designated as lot #19 in a plan, 113.416," to J. H. Butler.

Other property of Harvey Kirkland abutted the Holyoke Bank building on the southwest. At least one of these blocks was a wooden building which burned down at the close of the nineteenth century. J. Lambie, who had bought this property from the old Kirkland estate, erected the present 5 story block. The block until recently housed the Nonotuck Bank.

The 1895 block is executed in brick of several warm tones. The facade is composed of three major sections: a ground story of polished black marble, a three story central section in which windows are grouped in 3's and 5's, and a final story, separated from the lower stories by a dark stringcourse, in which a continuous Romanesque window arch dominates.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Daily Hampshire Gazette, March 5, 1921. (2)
Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 113.446, 124.397&398, 126.141, 141.516, 163.685, 397.281,

Reference for architects of Lambie Block: Daily Hampshire Gazette, August 6, 1895; Gazette Supplement, November 1895, "Northampton, the meadow City"