

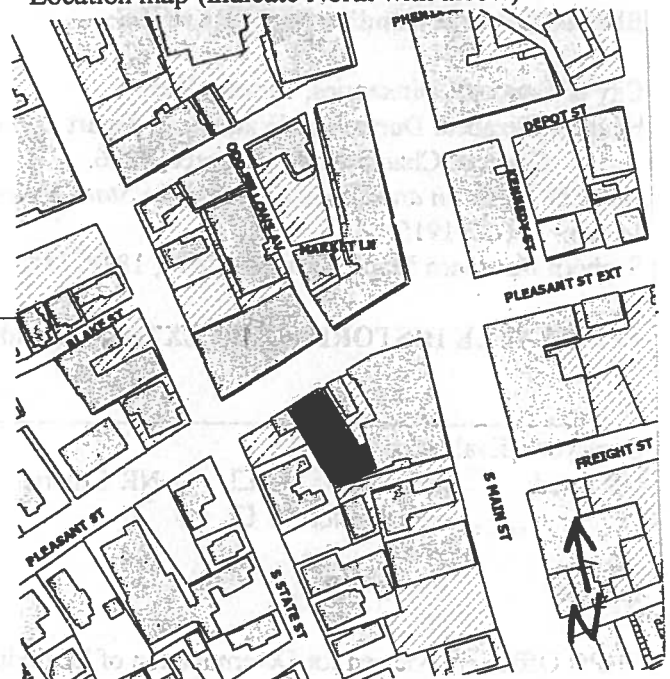
NHDHR INVENTORY # 57	CODE
Included in Area CBD	
County Merrimack	07C
Town/City Concord	C18
Address 15 Pleasant Street	
Current owner Arthur W. Aznive	
Property Name Star Theater	
Acreage 0.15 acre	
Tax map/parcel # 35-6-21	
UTM Ref.	
USGS Quad Concord scale 1:24000	
Use: present COMMERCE/TRADE: retail & offices	COT
original RECREATION/CULTURE: theater	RCT
Exterior building materials:	
Roof: tar	Walls: brick
Foundation:	Chimney:
# of stories: 2	Roof shape: flat
Chimney location:	Entry location: center north
Sash type: 6/6	Plan configuration: rectangular
Major alterations (with dates): c.1952 - converted to commercial use	
Condition: good	Outbuildings: none
Setting: side street in central business district	
Architect/Builder: unknown	
source: ---	
Original construction date: 1915	
source: Monitor, 11/22/1915	
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple building campaigns (see back)	
Style:	
Moved: no date: ---	
Surveyor: Lisa Mausolf	
Recorded by: Lisa Mausolf	
Date of field survey: August 1999	

NH DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES  
INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM



Photographer facing: south  
 Photograph date: May 1999  
 Roll #: 3 Frame #: 21  
 Negative stored at: Concord Heritage Commission

Location map (indicate North with arrow)



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPARATIVE EVALUATION:**

Constructed in 1915, the former Star Theater is a two-story building resting on a granite foundation with a yellow brick front. The facade is divided into three bays by two-story piers that extend beyond the flat roof to form a parapet. At the center of the building the recessed vestibule is tiled in small black, green and white tiles with a geometric pattern and a fret motif along the front edge. The central recessed entrance contains a wide, six-panel door with an open-topped pediment and fluted pilasters, all dating to the c.1950 renovations. On either side there is a separate multi-light door with multilight side panels and fluted surrounds. Flanking the center bay are two large multilight display windows. Punctuating the second story of the facade are three pairs of 6/6 windows with splayed granite lintels, granite sills and paneled shutters. A wrought iron railing is mounted over panel below the central pair of windows, which is inscribed "Star Building". Above the second floor windows there is brick corbelling and a projecting modillion cornice. The central bay is capped by a three-part parapet while the flanking sections consist of horizontal panels between piers. The side elevations of the building are constructed of red brick with shallow piers and brick corbeling.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND and role in Town/City's development:**

The Star Theater was constructed in 1915 on the site of a large livery stable which was later converted into an automobile garage operated by the Hall Brothers. The theater was erected at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The interior of the theater was finished in pink, gold, cream and gray with maroon draperies. The 1,200 seats were arranged in a semi-circle and E.J. Caron served as the manager of the theater.

The theater closed about 1952 and the building was converted into offices and commercial space.

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

This structure contributes to a potential Downtown Concord National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It is of historic interest as one of two former 20th century theaters in the downtown.

**PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:** 1915-1949

**STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY:**

Despite its conversion to other uses, this former theater, at least on the exterior, appears to retain integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES:**

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- Hengen, Elizabeth Durfee and Wallace, R. Stuart. *Concord on Foot: A Walking Tour of Downtown*. Concord: Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, 1996.
- Hurd, D. H. *Town and County Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Boston: D.H. Hurd & Co., 1892.
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**APPLICABLE HISTORIC CONTEXT(s) with code:** none

**Surveyor's Evaluation:**

NR listed:	individual <input type="checkbox"/>	NR Criteria:	A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NR Eligible:	individual <input type="checkbox"/>
	w/in district <input type="checkbox"/>		B <input type="checkbox"/>		w/in district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			C <input type="checkbox"/>		not eligible <input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		D <input type="checkbox"/>		need more info <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>				

SHPO Office - Reviewed for Determination of Eligibility (date):