

NHDHR INVENTORY # 38

CODE

NH DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES
INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Included in Area CBD

County Merrimack

Town/City Concord

Address 10 Pleasant Street Extension

Current owner Harry Shapiro & Sons Corp.

Property Name Monitor & Statesman Building

Acreage .06 acre

Tax map/parcel # 35-2-3

UTM Ref.

USGS Quad Concord scale 1:24000

Use: present COMMERCE/TRADE

original INDUSTRY: communications facility

Exterior building materials:

Roof:

tar

Walls:

brick

BRI

Foundation:

granite

STG

Chimney:

of stories:

2 w/basement

Roof shape:

flat

Chimney location:

Entry location:

north

Sash type:

8/1; 4/4

Plan configuration:

rectangular

Major alterations (with dates): date? - basement
windows partially boarded

Condition:

good

Outbuildings:

none

Setting: side street in central business district

Architect/Builder: George W. Griffin

source: Monitor, 2/9/1912

Original construction date: 1912

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☐ multiple building campaigns (see back)

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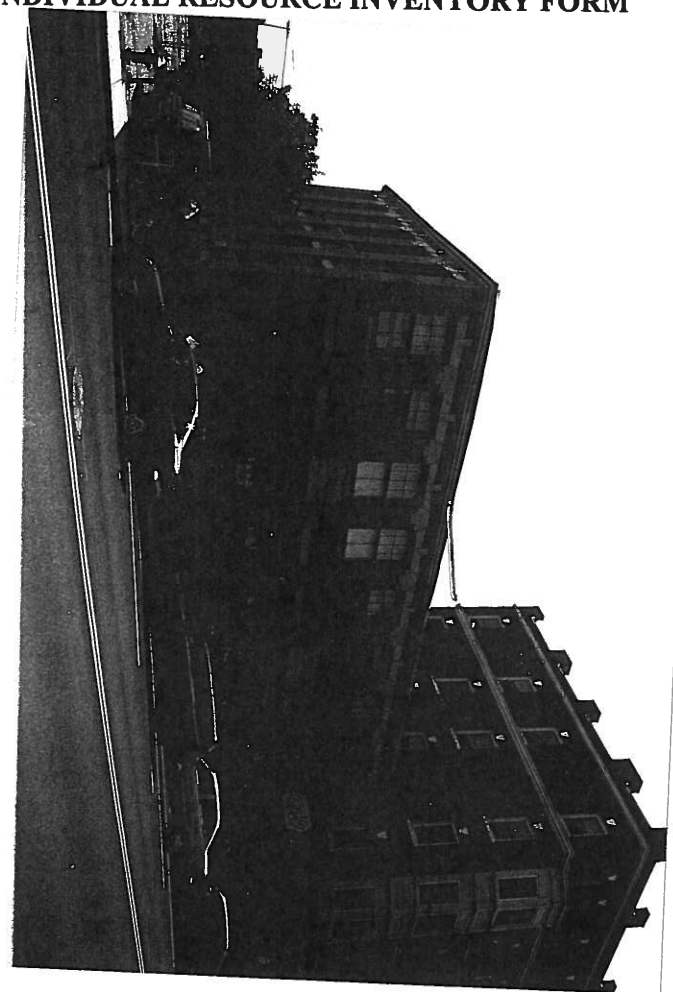
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Surveyor: Lisa Mausolf

Recorded by: Lisa Mausolf

Date of field survey: August 1999



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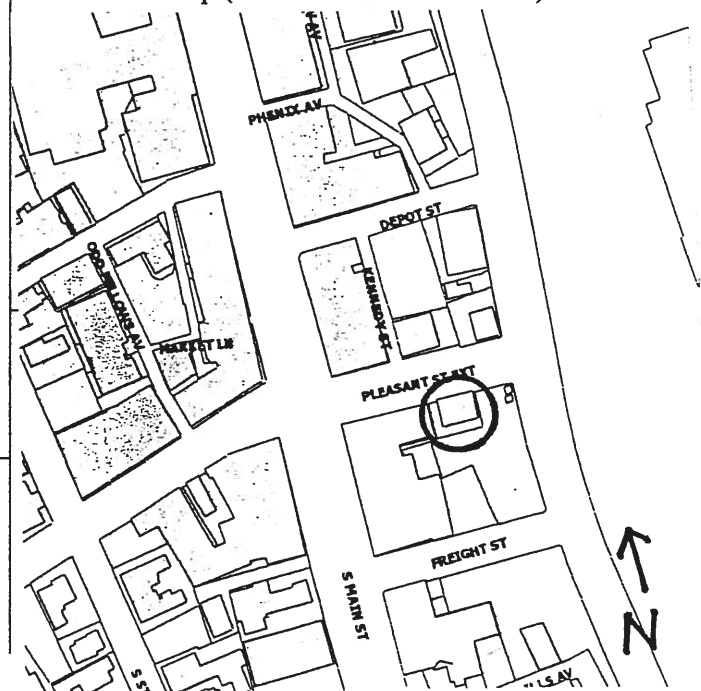
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Location map (indicate North with arrow)



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPARATIVE EVALUATION:

Consisting of two full stories with a basement underneath and set on a site which slopes downhill to the east, the Monitor and Statesman Building is a white pressed brick building constructed in 1912. The building is six bays wide on the Storrs Street elevation with eight bays facing Pleasant Street Extension. The fenestration pattern is defined by shallow piers which rise the height of the building and are topped by angled stone capitols with notches on the lower edge. The angle of the capitols corresponds to the angle of the splayed lintels capping the upper level windows. The upper level windows retain their original 8/2 sash facing Pleasant Street. On the east side the windows consist of 8/1 sash with paired 4/4 windows lighting the basement. The first floor facade windows consist of single-paned sash with four light transoms above and wooden panels installed below (replacing what were originally multi-paned panels). In the third and sixth bays there are stone spandrel tablets with raised letters reading "Monitor" and "Statesman". The entrance is located in the westernmost bay under a spalling stone lintel. The original door has been replaced by a smaller multi-glass and wood door.

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

The Monitor & Statesman Building was constructed in 1912 for former Governor John B. Smith on a vacant lot east of his apartment house, The Endicott. The building was designed by Concord architect George W. Griffin. As originally designed the press room was located in the basement, the business offices and editorial rooms on the ground floor and the composing room above. The lower level windows allowed passersby to watch the press in operation. The building was located near the railroad station and north of the Railroad YMCA (both no longer extant).

The Monitor vacated this building in 1929 for a new building at 3 North State Street. Directories indicate that the building was vacant in 1932 but that by 1940 it was occupied by an auto supply store and sports shop. A lighting store is located here today.

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 a good example of an early 20th century commercial structure and helps to document the continued development of the downtown during that period. The building is also of historic interest regarding the evolution of Concord's newspapers in the early 20th century.

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1912-1949

STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY:

The former Monitor-Statesman Building retains considerable integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. With the exception of the panels that have been inserted in place of the original basement windows, the building remains largely as it was when built in 1912.

Surveyor's Evaluation:

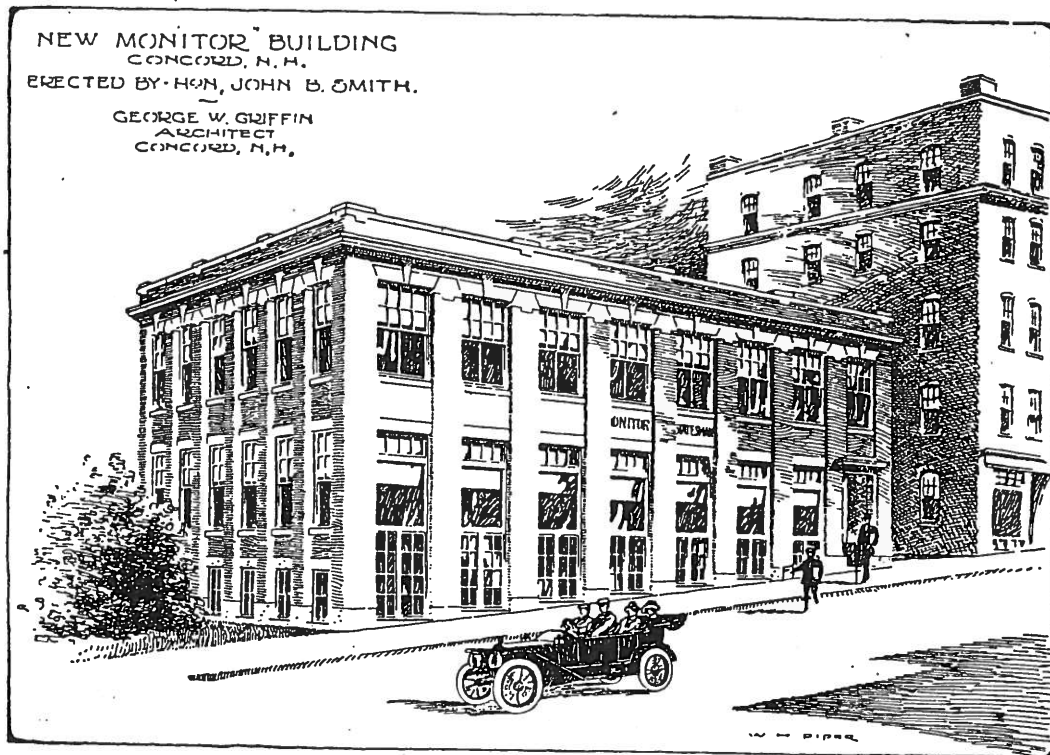
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SHPO Office - Reviewed for Determination of Eligibility (date):

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES:

City of Concord, Directories, various dates.

Monitor, 2/9/1912.

Sanborn Insurance Maps, Concord, 1874, 1879, 1884, 1889, 1893, 1899, 1906, 1914, 1928.

APPLICABLE HISTORIC CONTEXT(s) with code: none