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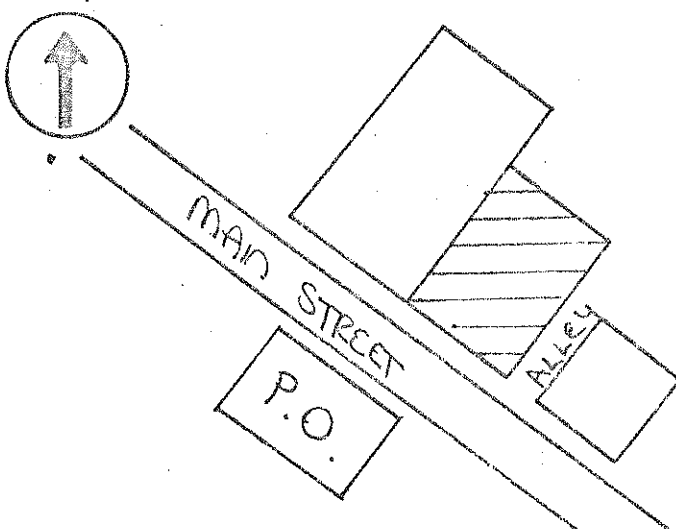
TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford
SURVEY NUMBER: 11	
COMMON NAME: The Grange Block	
HISTORIC NAME: Elm Block	
LOCATION: 67-71 North Main Street	
OWNER: Roger R. Rivers	ADDRESS: Spur Rd., Dover, NH 03820
MAP & PARCEL # : 42/282 121-370	
DATE: C.1900	
SOURCE: Inspection	
STYLE: Queen Anne Commercial	

UTM: Z 19 /E 339550 /N 4796370
USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial/Residential
PRESENT USE: Commercial/Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. ___ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair ___ Poor ___ Ruins ___
INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved ___ Date ___
Major Alterations & Date: Storefronts altered, parts probably remain but are concealed.
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ___ State ___ Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 3 # Bays 8X7 Approx. Dimensions 60' X 75' Window Sash ___
Roof Style: Gable ___ Hip ___ Gambrel ___ Flat ☒ Shed ___ Mansard ___ Jerkinhead ___
Monitor ___ Sawtooth ___ Other ___
Appendages: Porches ___ Towers ___ Dormers ___ Bay Windows ___ Ells ___ Chimneys ___
Wings ___ Cupolas ___ Sheds ___ Garage ___ Other ___
Entry Location: Center ___ Sidehall ___ Other ☒
- FOUNDATION: Random Rubble ___ Cut Granite ___ Brick ☒ Concrete ___ Concrete Block ___
Other ___
- WALL STRUCTURE:
Wood Frame: Post & Beam ___ Balloon Frame ☒ Other ___
Load Bearing Masonry: Stone ___ Brick ___ Concrete Block ___ Other ___
Metal: Iron ___ Steel ☒ Other ___
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard ___ Wood Shingle ___ Board & Batten ___ Shiplap ___
Aluminum ___ Novelty ___ Stucco ___ Stone ___ Brick ☒ Sheet Metal ___ Asphalt Shingles ___
Vinyl ___ Asphalt Sheeting ___ Composite Board ___ Other ___
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle ___ Asphalt Shingle ___ Standing Seam Tin ___ Slate ___
Pressed Metal ___ Sheet Metal ___ Rolled Asphalt ___ Gravel ___ Other ___
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Three Quarter looking
Northeast
Negative File Number: R-80-A2-16
Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This typical turn-of-the-century 3 story business block exhibits many features of late Victorian commercial architecture. The primary ornamentation consists of elaborate brick corbelling along the facade's roofline. Two brick stringcourses and offset brick piers on either side also ornament the facade.

Vermiculated limestone sills and rock-faced limestone lintels on the upper story windows provide a contrast in color and texture to the smooth brick walls, a treatment commonly seen on commercial buildings of this period. The eight bay facade is characteristically symmetrical, and within the upper stringcourse is a place for an inscription stone, since removed.

On the storefront level, a sign architrave (presently covered by aluminum) spans the three storefronts which have all been altered.

The aluminum cladding may conceal a cast iron post on the southeastern corner.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

This is one of two adjoining late Victorian commercial blocks anchoring the northern end of the streetscape.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Elm Block C.1900, is significant to the downtown streetscape as one of the two (Hartigan Block) major commercial blocks built at the north end of North Main Street. It characterizes late Victorian Commercial Blocks. Notable features include the arched corbeling at the roofline. The original storefronts, which are presently concealed by aluminum, may still be intact.

For a time (approx. 1930-60) the Elm Block housed the Rochester Grange and was known as the Grange Block.

REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee
Rochester City Directory 1900-1901

MAP DATA:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land___Woodland___Scattered Bldgs___Moderately Built Up___
Densely Built Up___Residential___Commercial^X___Industrial___Agricultural___
Roadside Strip Development___Other___

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 55 X 108

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/13/80