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**124-126 Tremont St. COR. 11-12 Hamilton Pl.**

**NAME**
*Merchants Cooperative Bank (same)*
- **present**
- **original**

**MAP No.**
25N/12E

**SUB AREA**
Retail

**DATE**
1955

**Bldg. Dept. Records**

**ARCHITECT**
Perry, Shaw, Hepburn & Dean

**BUILDER**
Merchants Cooperative

**OWNER**
Bank
- **original**
- **present**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
5 1/4 x 80

**TYPE**
(residential) single
(double row)
(Non-residential) bank offices

**NO. OF STORIES (1st to cornice)**
3

**ROOF**
flat

**MATERIALS (Frame)**
clapboards
shingles
stucco
asphalt
asbestos
alum/vinyl

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**
Mid-20th century Georgian Revival commercial building. Palladian motif used for entrance, which is flanked by fluted Doric columns and has a fanlight above. 2nd and 3rd story have narrow side bays flanking a wide central pavilion surmounted by stone triangular pediment set within a brick parapet.

**EXTERIOR ALTERATION**

**CONDITION**

**LOT AREA**
4800 sq. feet

**NOTEWORTHY SITE CHARACTERISTICS**
Corner site

**SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd on reverse)**

"Colonial" elements such as the Palladian motif, central pediment and side stepped gable imitate the past without capturing the proportions or spirit of the Georgian style. For this reason the building is not architecturally distinctive, although it harmonizes fairly well with the streetscape. The building is still occupied by its original tenant, the Merchants Cooperative Bank.
**Theses (check as many as applicable)**

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**Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)**

**Preservation Consideration** (accessibility, re-use possibilities, capacity for public use and enjoyment, protection, utilities, context)

Part of suggested "Pre-Fire Mercantile" National Register District.

**Bibliography and/or references** (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
EXISTING STATE REGISTER DESIGNATIONS

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MAJOR CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO PAGE 1 BASE INFORMATION

Assessors Parcel ID: 0304754000
Assessors Address: 126 Tremont Street

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The brick building has stone trim with two band courses defining the first story. The central bay projects shallowly from the facade; five ribbon windows on the second level are fronted by a decorative iron balcony. The north elevation is five bays deep with a gable parapet containing a roundel between two chimneys.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Perry, Shaw, Hepburn & Dean, Boston-based architects who were proponents of the Colonial Revival style, are best known for the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The firm designed the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Building (1937, BOS.2363), Aldrige and Kresge Halls at Harvard Business School (1953, BOS. 8365 and BOS.8350), and the Jordan Marsh Department Store (1948, BOS.2120), whose design was described by architectural historian Douglass Shand-Tucci as ‘absurd Modernistic Federal Revival style’.

In 1990 the Bank of Boston assumed responsibility for the assets of the failed Merchants Cooperative Bank.

Although a minor example of its period and of its designers, the building is carefully composed, retains a handsome original storefront, and contributes to the streetscape in massing, materials, and an active ground floor.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES


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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES and LOCATIONAL INFORMATION

Assessors Map

Tremont Street Facade

Storefront Detail

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