

Boston Landmarks Commission

City of Boston The Environment Department

Boston City Hall/Room 805 Boston, Massachusetts 02201 617/635-3850

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To Petitioners and Other Interested Parties:

RE: Petition #222.06

The Arlington Building (the former Shreve, Crump, and Low building), 330 Boylston Street, Boston.

At its October 24, 2006, meeting, the Boston Landmarks Commission, after deliberation and review of testimony, voted not to accept the petition for the aforementioned property. In making this finding, the Commission stated that while the building has a high level of local significance, the historical information presented at the hearing did not meet the level of significance required by the definition of a Landmark as defined in Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975 as amended. This definition requires that a Landmark have historical, social, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic significance to the city and the Commonwealth, the New England region, or the nation. The Commission noted that they would reconsider a petition should new information that elevates the building's significance above the local level be discovered.

The Commission appreciates the interest and efforts taken in the recognition and protection of Boston's architectural heritage.

If you have any questions concerning the designation process, please call our office at 635-3850.

Sincerely,

Ellen J. Lipsey
Executive Director

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LANDMARK PETITION **FORM**

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Petition number: Received on:

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Schedule for preliminary hearing: 10

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NOTE: This petition must be completed in full in order to be accepted and scheduled for a preliminary hearing. The petition may be returned if all questions have not been answered completely. Please type or print. Call the BLC staff at 635-3850 if you have any questions regarding the petition process.

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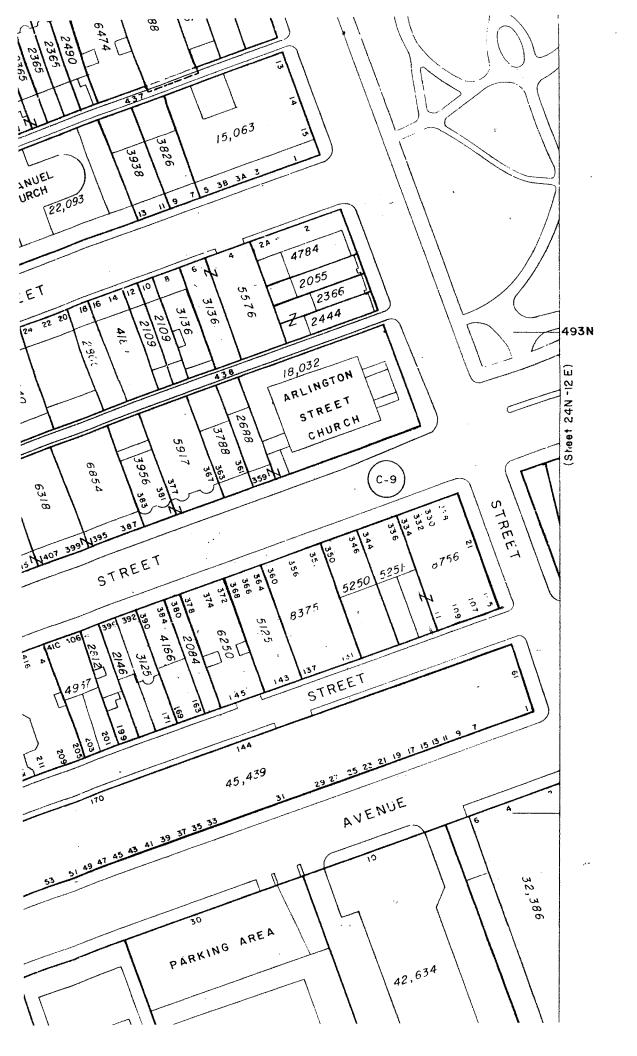
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The Shreve, Crump and Low Building at 330 Boylston Street was erected in 1904 as the local branch of Bryant and Stratton Commercial School, a national chain with branches in many cities. The architect was William G. Rantoul, who was well known for his many luxurious houses and estates. The school use required the unusually large window areas, which remain to the present. Occupancy of the lower two floors by Shreve Crump and Low began in 1929, this firm founded in 1796 being the oldest jewelry store in America. Although Shreve, Crump and Low has occupied various Boston locations since the eighteenth century, its seventy-seven-year presence at the corner of Boylston and Arlington Streets is a significant part of Boston's commercial and social history.

The Shreve, Crump and Low Building, or the Shreve Building, is a rare example of an early twentieth-century Eclectic style which carefully combines motifs from several historical styles into a new unified whole. At five stories tall, The Shreve Building does not compete with or overshadow its neighbor across Boylston Street, the Arlington Street Church, one of Boston's prominent landmarks. Nor does The Shreve Building cast shadows on the Boston Public Garden, which it also faces. As the corner and anchor building on its block, The Shreve Building, by its very size and high visibility, sets the tone for this part of Back Bay's well-known shopping area.

The two street facades of the Shreve, Crump and Low Building, with their orderly classicism and rich Eclectic materials and detailing, are unique in Boston. This, combined with the building's modest height and dominant location, make it worthy of landmark protection.



# Current parcel is: 0501169000 Address is: 330 BOYLSTON ST Owner is: DRUKER RONALD M TS

