

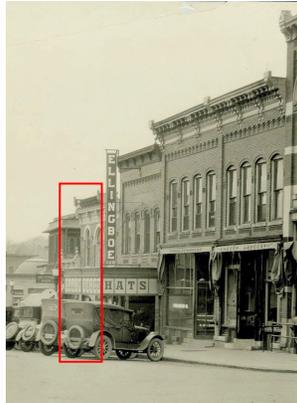
**MINNESOTA HISTORY / ARCHITECTURE INVENTORY FORM  
NORTHFIELD COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Rice County, Minnesota**

<b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b>	
<b>Property Name:</b> Boston Shoe Store	<b>Inventory No.:</b> RC-NFC-269
<b>Address:</b> 17 Bridge Square, Northfield, MN	<b>PIN:</b> 2206225018
<b>QTR/QTR/T/R/S:</b> NE NE Section 1 T111N R 20W and NW NW Section 6 T111N R19W	<b>Plat Name:</b> Original Town <b>Block</b> River Lots <b>Lot 2</b>
<b>USGS Quad:</b> Northfield, Minnesota	
<b>UTM Z 15</b> 487224E, 4922613N NAD 83	

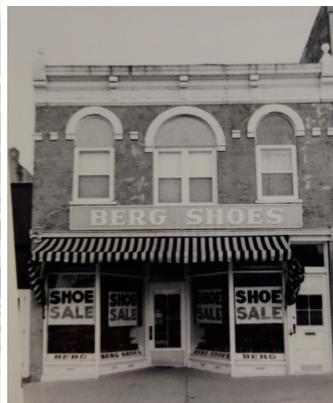
<b>PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Construction Date:</b> 1879	<b>Style:</b> Italianate
<b>Historic Use:</b> commercial	<b>Current Use:</b> commercial
<b>Property Type:</b> commercial	<b>Historic Context:</b> "Commerce, 1856-1945"
<b>Architect/Builder</b>	<b>Survey Name:</b> Northfield Historic District Survey Revision Project, 2016
<b>Previous NRHP Status:</b> Contributing to Northfield Commercial Historic District	<b>NRHP Recommendation:</b> Contributing to Northfield Commercial Historic District
<b>Form Prepared by:</b> C. Zellie Landscape Research LLC	<b>Survey Date:</b> 3/2016



2016, looking north



Bridge Square, north side, ca. 1920.



1970s

### Description

This two-story, flat-roofed building faces south on Bridge Square. It is clad in painted cream brick. The sheet-metal cornice has five prominent brackets, stamped rosettes, and egg-and-dart and rope-beaded detail. Three round-arched windows at the upper story have arched windows with filled-in transoms; replacement sash is double-hung with one-over-one lights. Early photographs of show a central hinged window to allow loading of goods, and evidence remains in the wood infill below the window. The recessed ground-floor entry has a single-leaf door and is flanked by windows and transoms. A single-leaf wood door in the side entry has a glazed transom. There is a tin ceiling, apparently historic, at the entry and at the store interior. The building appears to have had recent exterior painting.

### History

Built for Charles Anderson. After 1895, used continuously as a shoe store, including Berg Shoes in the 1980s.

### Significance and Historic Context(s)

This building is part of the first period of Northfield's commercial development, from ca. 1856 to 1880, when 17 of the 65 historic district buildings were constructed. It is associated with the Northfield historic context, "Commerce, 1856-1945" (Northfield Preservation Plan, 1992).

Historic photographs: Northfield Historical Society

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**Evaluation**

This property was listed on the NRHP in 1979 as contributing to the Northfield Commercial Historic District. Although it has had numerous alterations, the building exterior continues to retain enough historic significance and integrity to be contributing to the district and streetscape.

**References**

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**Sanborn and USGS Maps**

