

Basic Detail Report

Title Brown, Thomson & Company, 942 Main Street, Hartford

Date about 1920

Primary Maker William G. Dudley

Medium Photography; gelatin emulsion on glass

Description View of the Brown, Thomson & Company, a Richardsonian

Romanesque commercial building on Main Street, Hartford, designed by Henry

Hobson Richardson in 1876 for the Cheney family of Manchester. For many years

Brown, Thomson & Co., a department store occupied the lower stories. The

building is constructed of brownstone, with round arches and towers at the

corners; striped awning shade the windows on the ground floor. Part of Main

Street and automobiles parked on the eastern side are also visible. Two bronze

plaques attached to the building at its southwest corner read "BROWN

THOMSON AND COMPANY." Awnings extend out from the top of the first floor of

the building, above the display windows that extend along Main and Temple

Streets. Two dentists' offices are visible: one is on the third floor and the other is

on the fourth floor. One of the offices features a sign reading "Prentiss Dentist"

on the window. Men and women, many of them blurred from movement, crowd

the sidewalk.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): 10 x 8in. (25.4 x 20.3cm)