During 2004 the SHPO, working with the city of Portland’s DDA and Main Street program, prepared application materials for and nominated Portland’s central business district to the National Register of Historic Places. The downtown district is significant for its Late Victorian and early and mid-twentieth-century commercial buildings. Many of the oldest buildings were constructed in the short time frame 1877-1880 as replacements for buildings destroyed in several fires. Nomination of Portland’s business district supports the activities of the city’s Main Street program and will facilitate use of the federal historic preservation tax credits in connection with building rehabilitation projects.

Location: Kent and Maple Streets between Grand River Avenue and Academy Street
Applicant: Carolyn Bennett / Portland DDA
No. of Historic Properties: 45
Historic Use: Commerce and Trade
Current Use: Commerce and Trade
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