

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

1535

Town WorcesterAddress 42 Abbott StreetHistoric Name Elvira Drew Three-
DeckerUse: ^a Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1904Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage Less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th/early 20th century
urban, multi-family, residential
street.Recorded by John CallahanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and
white) Indicate address of
property on back of photo.
Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s).
Indicate north

See attached map.

UTM REFERENCE 19/267240/4682550USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Elvira Drew Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the efforts to extend three-decker development westward into Worcester's fashionable residential area in the early 20th century. It is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed example of the use of Colonial Revival details in local three-decker construction during this period. The Drew Three-Decker thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Architecturally, 42 Abbott Street is a remarkably well-preserved and well-detailed example of the locally popular Colonial Revival three-decker. The building has the characteristic side-hall plan with a side-hall jog, and is clad in wood clapboard, with wood shingle bands between stories. The house has an unusual cross-gable roof. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with a projecting three-tier porch, supported by slender Tuscan columns, and capped by a pedimented portico. The porch is flanked by a projecting, three story bay window, unusual for the use of a single light of floral pattern stained glass as the front window. A second bay window projects at the side-wall jog, with stained glass in the upper lights of the central windows. Regularly spaced, paired brackets decorate the roof cornice overhang.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

By the first decade of the 20th century, a sector of scattered three-decker development extended out along the Pleasant and Chandler Street streetcar corridors, across Park Avenue to Abbott Street, where a new neighborhood school was located in 1894 (36 Abbott Street, NR). Abbott Street subsequently remained the westward edge of three-decker extension into the city's West Side, but its location near this high status residential zone meant that the street attracted a group of distinctly white collar residents. The first known owner of 42 Abbott was Elizabeth Drew, apparently not a city resident. Tenants in 1904 included Albert Lothrop, a salesman; Jennie Sutcliffe, a nurse; William Smith, a cashier; Josephine Smith, a stenographer; Joseph O'Herran, a bookkeeper; Benjamin Clark, a manager; and George Montague, a salesman. By 1910, the house was owned by Emma Lothrop. In that year the residents included three salesmen: Albert Lothrop, Charles Whitcomb, and George Montague. In the 1920s, the building was owned and occupied by Mrs. Bridget Hoey. Residents in 1920 included Richard Hoey, an accountant; and George Teeling, a manager. Members of the Hoey family resident here in 1930 included Bridget; Agnes; Anna; George, an attendant; Mary, a nurse; Robert, a clerk; and Richard, a controller.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1904, 1906, 1910, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places
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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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| 11. Crystal Street Historic District | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-91 |
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| 12. Davis, Rodney, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/91 |
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| 13. Davis, Wesley, Three-Decker | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-91 |
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| 15. Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 19. Duke, Philip, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Drew, Elvira, Three-Decker
NAME:

MULTIPLE Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002384

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/9/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



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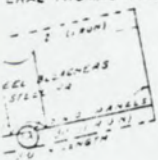
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PUBLIC SCHOOL
ATHLETIC FIELD

ERAL THOMAS F. FOLEY STADIUM



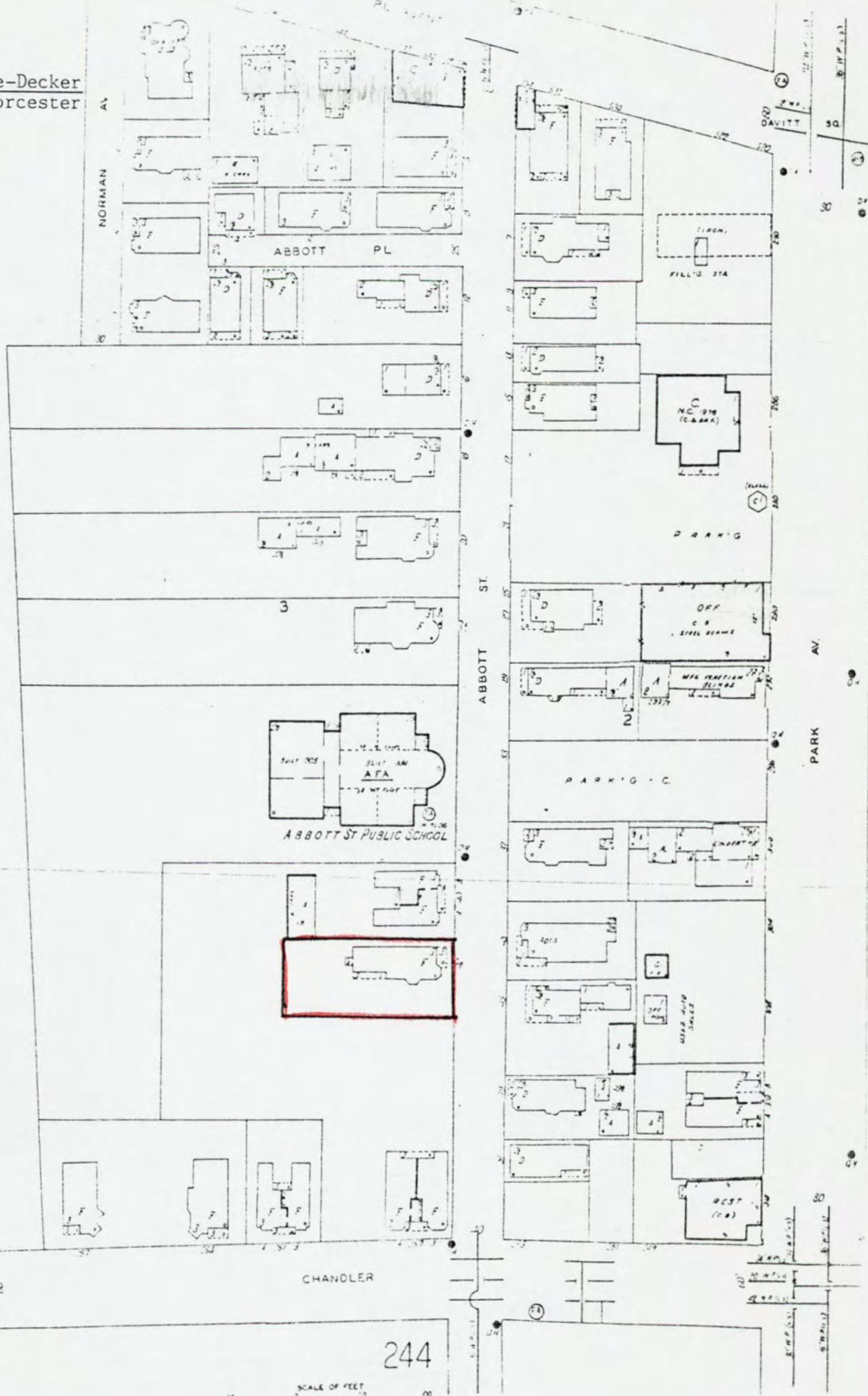
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MAYFIELD

CHANDLER

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SCALE OF FEET



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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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