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AREA

1828

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town WorcesterAddress 29 Dewey StreetHistoric Name B.E. Ridyard Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1910Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardOutbuildings none and shingleMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/2 acreSetting In a row of three-deckersopposite a parking lot in an areaof mixed 19th century residences,commercial, and light industrial useRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

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 19/267400/4682530USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The B.E. Ridyard Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the three-deckers built in the last stages of residential infill in the first decade of the 20th century in the Piedmont area, an ethnic, working-class, multi-family residential district. It is also an unusually well-detailed and unaltered example of the use of Queen Anne style elements in three-decker construction. The Ridyard 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, 29 Dewey Street is a well-preserved and well-detailed three-decker that retains Queen Anne design elements. The building has a typical side-hall plan. It is sheathed in wood, with wood shingle bands between stories on the main facade bay window. The shallow hip roof has a small gable dormer centered over the main facade. A wide cornice overhang shelters regularly spaced, decorative brackets. The facade is asymmetrical, with an entry bay containing a three-tier porch, flanked by a three-story bay window. The porch is notable for its turned posts with delicate brackets, and for its unusual bracket-motif balustrade and frieze design. Windows have simple casements and caps. Geometric stained-glass upper lights are set in the front bay windows.

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

Built ca. 1910, the Ridyard Three-Decker was located at the western edge of the working-class residential district that developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries west of downtown Worcester. Within this area of mixed cottages, multi-family houses, and light industry, Dewey Street was an area of concentrated three-decker development. The first known owner of 29 Dewey Street was B.E. Ridyard, about whom little is known. Residents in 1910 included Edward Hennessy, an optician; Alphonzo Smith, a stockkeeper; and Harry Haverly, an inspector. By 1920, the building was owned by Tracy Murdock, a salesman. Occupants in that year included Arthur Murdock, a carpenter; George Tarbell, a clerk; Helene Tarbell, a cashier; and Thomas Roussel, a repairer. In 1930, Arthur Murdock owned the building. Residents in that year included Walter Shales, an office manager; Mrs. Inez Eldridge, a City Hall secretary; and T. Chester Hayes, a clerk.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1910, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards. Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

12/26/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

71. Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Melvyn Byers 2/9/90

72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Melvyn Byers 2/9/90

73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 2/9/90

74. Ridyard, B. E., Three-Decker

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Melvyn Byers 2/9/90

75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker

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Melvyn Byers 2/9/90

76. Roynane, Catharine, Three-Decker

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77. Shea, Bridget, Three-Decker

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78. Simpson, Clara, Three-Decker

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79. Smith, Ellen M., Three-Decker

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80. Stoliker, Edna, Three-Decker

Substantive Review

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Beth J. Savage 02-09-90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ridyard, B. E., 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: 89002402

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 _____



Worcester Three Decker MRA

B. E. RIDYARD THREE DECKER

29 DEWEY STREET

WORCESTER, MA

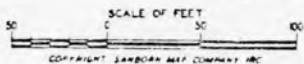
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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