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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Worcester

Name of Area (if any) Beaver Street

Historic District

Present Use residential

General Date or Period ca.1916

General Condition very good to
excellent

Acreage .66 Acres

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization for MHC

Date December 1988

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black
& white) Indicate on back
of each photo street addresses
for buildings shown. Staple to
left side of form.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the
area indicating properties within it.
Number each property for which individual
inventory forms have been completed.
Label streets including route numbers, if
any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate
sheet if space here is not sufficient).

See Attached Map.

The Beaver Street Historic District includes 5 residential buildings and
two modern garages. Its boundaries follow the historic subdivision boundaries
of the five building lots of the district. To the southeast is a 19th century
house built before the period of subdivision. The district is bounded on
the northwest by Clement Street. Buildings to the northwest and north
represent a mix of periods and styles, and have seen widespread alterations.

Contributing/Non-contributing status

Buildings: 5C, 2NC

UTM REFERENCE

A 19/266790/4681150

B 19/266780/4681120

C 19/266720/4681120

D 19/266720/4681150

USGS QUADRANGLE

Worcester South

SCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Beaver Street Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative, early 20th century three-decker subdivision in the Main South area, a neighborhood that grew during this period both as a result of employment opportunities in nearby factories, and as a streetcar suburb. The Beaver Street residences also represent an unusually well-preserved group of Colonial Revival three-deckers, the best surviving row of period three-decker design in the southern part of the city. The Beaver Street Historic District 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 areas within the community.

The five houses of the Beaver Street Historic District were all built ca. 1916, and together they represent several variations on the same basic form of Colonial Revival style three-decker design. Remarkably well-preserved, the houses are the best surviving group of 20th century three-deckers in the Main South area. All five are of about the same dimensions, and have the typical side-hall plan; all have side-wall bay windows, rather than the more usual side-wall jog; and all are clad in wood shingle. Variations are most notable in the roof treatment, and in the arrangement of the main facade of each house. The distinguishing features of each house are as follows:

John Maloney Three-Decker, 31 Beaver Street. Here the hip roof has a gable dormer over the three-tier front porch. This entry bay porch is supported by single, paired and triple columns, and has open balustrades. The porch is flanked by a shallow, angled bay window. A second, one-story, side porch

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.

The five three-deckers built ca. 1916 on Beaver Street opposite its intersection with Oliver and Florence Streets were constructed as part of the early 20th century subdivision of the Marble Estate, a large property on the western fringe of the fashionable Woodland Street area of Main South. By the first decades of the 20th century, increasing numbers of three-deckers were built in this area, as the focus of high-income residential development shifted to Worcester's West Side. Main Street electric street railway service, and expansion of nearby factories attracted an ethnic, working-class population. The modestly designed three-deckers of the Beaver Street subdivision were initially owned and occupied by a group of blue-collar families of Irish extraction. The first owner of 31 Beaver Street, John Maloney, ran a kindling wood business. John Foley, first owner of 35 Beaver Street, was a machinist. Thomas Whalen, first owner of 37 Beaver Street, was a laborer. Other members of the Whalen family resident here included Nellie, a stenographer; Mary, an assembler; and Elizabeth, a phone operator. Early residents of 39 Beaver Street included James Ferguson, a diemaker; Thomas Murphy, an electrician; and Charles Perry, a pork packer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1916, 1922, 1924, 1928.

1.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1922.

J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Worcester	Form No:
Property Name: Beaver Street HD	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance (cont)

is located between the front and side bay windows.

Deliah Melican Three-Decker, 33 Beaver Street. This house has a full-length, first story porch, that rises to three-tiers in the entry bay, and is capped by a pedimented gable that projects from the hip roof. The porch is supported by single, paired and triple Tuscan columns. The side-wall bay window is capped by a second projecting pedimented gable.

John Foley Three-Decker, 35 Beaver Street. This house has a steeply-pitched hip roof. A recessed three-tier, entry bay porch is supported by single and paired, square columns. The porch is flanked by a shallow, rounded, three-story bay window. As on 31 Beaver Street, a second, single-story porch is located between the front and side bay windows.

Thomas Whalen Three-Decker, 37 Beaver Street. The house is distinct in the row for its gable roof with full pediment. The full-length, first floor porch rises to three-tiers in the entry bay, and is supported by slender single, paired and triple Tuscan columns.

John Shea Three-Decker, 39 Beaver Street. Like several other district houses, here a full-length first floor porch rises to three tiers in the entry bay. The porch is supported by slender, single, paired and triple Tuscan columns, and is capped by a projecting, pedimented gable that contains an unusual triangular light. The house is unusual for its clapboard sheathing on the first story.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

DISTRICT DATA SHEET
BEAVER STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

<u>MAP-BLOCK-LOT</u>	<u>MHC #</u>	<u>HISTORIC NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STYLE</u>	<u>STATUS-RESOURCE</u>
8-13-12	1850	Maloney Three-Decker /garage	31 Beaver Street	c1916	Col.Rev.	1C-B 1NC-B
8-13-11	1673	Melican Three-Decker	33 Beaver Street	c1916	Col.Rev.	1C-B
8-13-10	1851	Foley Three-Decker	35 Beaver Street	c1916	Col.Rev.	1C-B
8-13-19	1852	Whalen Three-Decker	37 Beaver Street	c1916	Col.Rev.	1C-B
8-13-8	1853	Shea Three-Decker /garage	39 Beaver Street	c1916	Col.Rev.	1C-B 1NC-B

TOTAL: 5 Contributing Buildings
 2 Noncontributing Buildings

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

COVER **Substantive Review***Worcester MRA (Worcester Three-Deckers)**for* Keeper

Attest

Boyd L. Savage
*02-08-90*1. Ahern, Catherine, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

Attest

*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*2. Anderson, Ludwig, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

Attest

*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*3. Baker, Peter, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*4. Battelle, Marion, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*5. Beaver Street Historic District **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*6. Blodgett, Lydia, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*7. Bostrom, Eric, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*8. Bousquet, Henry, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*9. Carlson, Eric, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

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*Shelene Byers 2/9/90*10. Crabtree, Thomas, Three-Decker **Entered in the** Keeper
National Register

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Beaver Street Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

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: 89002377

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 _____



BEAVER STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT.
31-39 BEAVER STREET
WORCESTER, MA
Worcester Three Decks MRA



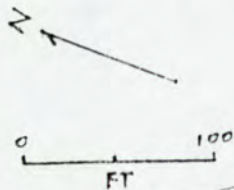


BEAVER STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
31-39 BEAVER STREET
WORCESTER, MA

Worcester, Three Decks MRA



Beaver Street Historic
District, Worcester



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305