

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

1333

Town WorcesterAddress 24 Sigel StreetHistoric Name John Mark Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Italianate Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage _____

Setting Late 19th/early 20th centuryurban, multi-family residentialstreet.Recorded by S. Lee and B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worcester Heritage Pres.
SocietyDate January 1978

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/268790/4681300USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The John Mark Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building is significant as a representative example of the multi-family housing built in the ethnic, working class Island neighborhood, an area that developed as industrial growth occurred along the nearby railroad corridors. The building is also a well-preserved example of only a handful of brick three-deckers built in Worcester. The Mark 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, 24 Sigel Street is a rare, well-preserved example of local brick three-decker construction. The unusual construction may have its explanation in the first owner's occupation as a mason. The building has the characteristic side-hall plan and hip roof. The asymmetrical main facade contains a double-leaf entry door, sheltered by a hood with heavy, decorated bracket supports. The entry is flanked by a single-story, projecting bay window, with recessed brick panels. Decorative brick bands extend across the front and side elevations to demarcate the stories. Windows are 2/2 sash set in shallow, recessed, arched surrounds. The entry doors have geometric pattern, stained glass lights.

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

The Mark Three-Decker was built ca.1888 in the Island neighborhood, originally an Irish working class residential area, and by the early 20th century, an important focus of Worcester's Polish and Lithuanian communities. From the mid-19th century on, this low-lying area at the southern periphery of the central city attracted ethnic immigrant families who found employment in nearby factories. The first owner of 24 Sigel was John Mark, a mason, who also resided here. Tenants in 1890 included Patrick Kirwin, a machinist; and Paul Eno, a brickmaker. The Mark family resided here through 1900, when the building's other residents included James Layden, an engineer; and James Tudor, a laborer. By 1910, the house was owned by John Bajda (Pajda), a springmaker. Also living here in 1910 were John Cronin, a woolsorter; and Richard Delany, a laborer. The Bajda family lived here through 1920. By 1930, the house was owned and occupied by Joseph Lakauskas (Leikoski), a springmaker. Tenants included Frank Smith, and Walenty Pika, a laborer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1888, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

41. Johnson, Paul, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper*Melaine Byers 2/9/90*

Attest

42. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (146 Eastern Ave.) *for* Keeper
Entered in the
National Register*Melaine Byers 2/9/90*

Attest

43. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (148 Eastern Ave.) *for* Keeper
Entered in the
National Register*Melaine Byers 2/9/90*

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44. Larson, Swan, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper*Melaine Byers 2/9/90*

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45. Levenson, Morris, Three-Decker

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46. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (80 Dewey St.) *for* Keeper
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47. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (44 Winfield St.) *for* Keeper
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48. Lundberg, Charles, Three-Decker

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49. Magnuson, Charles, Three-Decker

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50. Mark, John, Three-Decker Substantive Review *for* Keeper*Beth J. Savage 02-09-90*

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89002435Date Listed: 02/09/90Mark, John, Three-Decker
Property NameWorcester
CountyMA
StateWorcester Three-Deckers TR, Worcester MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Dr. Robert L. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

02-09-90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Information: Acreage

The acreage is <1.

This information was confirmed by Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Mark, John, 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: 89002435

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 02-09-90

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
JOHN MARK THREE DECKER
24 SIGEL STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1333





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C R O M P T O N P A R K

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

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