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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1671

Town Worcester

Address 913/915 Main Street

Historic Name Frank Reed Three-Decker

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

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings none

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.

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting major urban thoroughfare with mixed multi-family residential, commercial, and institutional activities

UTM REFERENCE 19/267410/4681370

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Douglas Johnson

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Frank Reed Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the first three-decker construction boom in the Main South neighborhood in the late 1880s, a period that saw considerable industrial development in the area, and an influx of new employees and their families. It is also an unusually well-preserved survival of a particularly ornate, Queen Anne style three-decker. The Reed 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, 915 Main Street is a remarkably well-preserved example of the earliest phase of local Queen Anne three-decker construction. The house has the typical side-hall plan with side-wall jog, and a recessed, three-tier entry bay porch on its asymmetrical facade. It also has a characteristic hip roof, and is clad in clapboard and shingle. The building is unusual however for the round, projecting three-tier tower, with its conical cap, that flanks the porch on the main facade. The porch features chamfered and turned posts, scroll, lattice, and curved decorative brackets, and is capped by a small, projecting gable. Windows are simply framed, with 2/2 sash. The main entry contains a panelled, double-leaf door. Decorative corner brackets mark the wide 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.

The Reed Three-Decker was built ca. 1888, at approximately the same time as the neighboring Pilgrim Congregational Church, 909 Main Street (NR), a Main South landmark. Situated on the edge of the area's high status residential district, 913 Main Street was owned from 1888 through 1920 by Frank Reed, whose occupation in the late 19th century was listed as electrician and machinist, but who by 1908 owned the Francis Reed Company, manufacturers of drilling machinery on nearby Hammond Street. In the 1920s, the house was owned and occupied by Thomas Fielding, an assembler of wool spinning machinery for the Johnson and Benet Company. Besides Reed, the earliest known residents appear to have been businessmen or white-collar employees. In 1888, they included Peter Bradt, a dry goods merchant; David Bradt, a druggist; and G.S. Boutelle, a moulding Manufacturer. From 1900 to 1922, the third floor apartment was occupied by the family of Frank Jones, employed during the period as either a salesman or a collector. Tenants on the second floor included Charles Childs, occupation unlisted; and Antipas Earle, a dealer of cigars

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1888, 1890, 1896, 1900, 1912, 1922, 1928.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

71. Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper
Attest

Helene Byers 2/9/90

72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

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Helene Byers 2/9/90

73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker

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

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75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker

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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

Keeper
Attest

Betty 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 NAME: Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

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: 89002422

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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913-915 MAIN STREET
WORCESTER, MA
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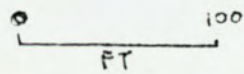
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305