

FORM B - BUILDING

76/ NO 80000555

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	103-F

1. Town Worcester
 Address 12 Catherine Street
 Name Goddard House
 Present use vacant

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number _____

Present owner Noel E. Morey et al.
1199 1/2 Derry Road
 3. Description: Hudson, N.H. 03061
 Date 1870
Worcester Gazette
 Source 10/25/1870

Roll 21

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
 in relation to nearest cross streets and
 other buildings. Indicate north.

Style Victorian Second Empire
 Architect Elbridge Boyden
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) carriage house
 Other features asymmetrical plan,
slate mansard, bay windows, open
entry porch, rope mouldings and
brackets
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

UTM:
 19/269580/4683920

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p. 15
Lot 1 20,076 sq.ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 125'
 Approximate distance of building from street
20'

S. Ceccacci
 6. Recorded by ed. E.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date October 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry Goddard

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same - vacant ca.1975

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Henry Goddard House is a two-and-one-half storey wood frame structure which rises from a foundation of dressed granite to a mansard roof covered with hexagonal-pattern slates. The building has an asymmetrical plan with a variety of rectangular and three-sided bays on its three major elevations (north, east and west). At the structure's rear (south) is a one-and-one-half storey kitchen ell. Decorative elements of the building's facade (north) include an original entry porch with balustrade, double front doors, a rectangular two-storey bay with a low pediment and paired brackets at the cornice. Most dormers of the house's main block have arched hoods, bracketed cornices and center finials. Although currently neglected, the house is in original condition with the exception of one bay of a rear porch which has been removed.

Among the most elaborate examples of its style in Worcester, the Goddard House is also one of the very few buildings of its period to have had its architect identified. The house was built for Henry Goddard who was a manager of the Washburn and Moen Wire Works. Goddard (1823-1904), a Worcester native, was the son of Benjamin Goddard, an early partner of Ichabod Washburn, with whom Benjamin Goddard developed a process for drawing wire which became the basis of Worcester's extensive wire industry. As early as 1843 or 1844, Henry Goddard began learning the trade of wire drawer at the Washburn and Moen mills. Later Goddard succeeded his father as manager of Washburn and Moen's South Worcester works, a position which Henry Goddard occupied until 1869 when the

(cont.)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worcester Gazette, October 25, 1870 (building notice)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester and Its People, vol. III, p.21

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Worcester	Form No: 103-F
Property Name: Goddard House	

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

9.
South Worcester works were closed and Goddard was transferred to the North Works (Grove Street) as foreman of the wire-drawing and nail division. It is likely that Goddard built #12 Catherine Street shortly after his transfer, in order to be closer to the North Works. Henry Goddard spent his entire career in the employ of Washburn and Moen, retiring in 1898 after fifty-five years with the firm. In addition, Henry Goddard was active in local politics, serving as a member of the city's Common Council (1860, 1852, 1873 and 1874) and as an alderman (1865, 1868 and 1869).

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified, & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-dickers). ^{Owner} opposition is high. Minor problems w/ some properties are listed on attached sheets.

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. DOUBLE

ARCHEOLOGIST

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 b/c need to be discussed with State.

OTHER

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. VBDs were not necessary because

ALERT
MAD
2/23/80

HAER

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Acreage was missing on some properties but ~~is~~ ^{is} now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ^{BASED} ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend listing all ^{now} properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + State.} DOUBLE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (listing from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____ SEE 3/13/80 REPORT



SOLE BY
SCOA & SCOA
REAL ESTATE
1000 BAY
1000 WEST
1000 WEST

80 AUG 1979

103-F Goddard
House
12 Catherine St.
Worcester MA,
north + west
elevations

JAN 1978

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304