

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1835

2417

AREA

Town WorcesterAddress 167 Eastern AvenueHistoric Name Lydia Blodgett
Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1902Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
shingleOutbuildings garageMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Urban multifamily residential;
in a row of early 20th century
three-deckers.Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

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

See attached map.

UTM REFERENCE 19/270060/4683840USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Lydia Blodgett Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the working-class, Scandinavian, multi-family residential district that developed along Belmont Street in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is also an unusually well-preserved, and particularly ornate example of Queen Anne three-decker design. The Blodgett 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, 167 Eastern Avenue, is a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed Queen Anne style three-decker, unusual for its cross-gable form. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan. The asymmetrical main facade has a three-tier porch supported by slender Tuscan columns, flanked by a three-story bay window. The third tier of the porch is sheltered by a gable that sweeps lower than the cornice over the bay window, which gives the main facade a particularly rakish appearance. A second, three-story bay window is located on the side wall, and this is capped by a small projecting gable. The bay corners in the cornice are decorated with heavy corner bracket with pendants. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with shingles on the bay windows. Windows have 2/1 sash with simple surrounds. A small semi-circular light is located in the front gable apex.

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. 1902, the Blodgett Three-Decker is located on the northern edge of a concentration of late 19th and early 20th century three-decker construction in the Belmont Street area. This neighborhood developed as a multi-family, working class area dominated by families of Swedish, Finn-Swede, and Finnish extraction. Many residents were employed as skilled metal workers by local manufacturing firms. The first known owners of 167 Eastern Avenue were the heirs of Lydia Blodgett, who also owned 169 Eastern Avenue and 6 Blodgett Place. Residents in 1902 included Alex Rafuse, a coachman; Oscar Wandland, a painter; and Axel Kasperson, a machinist. By 1910 the house was owned by Carl Sundburg. Tenants included August Westbom, a dry goods merchant; Patrick McArdle, a machinist at the Ames Plow Company; and John Fallstrom, an armorer for the Harrington Richards Arms Company. In 1920, Carl Bostrom, a molder, owned and occupied the house. Residents included the family of Mrs. Anna Fors; and Gustaf Hultgren, a cutter in a print shop. Bostrom continued to own the house and live here through 1930.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1902, 1910, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester MRA (Worcester Three-Deckers)
Date Listed

COVER **Substantive Review**

Jor Keeper

Boyd J. Savage
02-09-90

Attest

1. Ahern, Catherine, Three-Decker

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National Register

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Helena Byers 2/9/90

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2. Anderson, Ludwig, Three-Decker

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3. Baker, Peter, Three-Decker

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4. Battelle, Marion, Three-Decker

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5. Beaver Street Historic District

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6. Blodgett, Lydia, Three-Decker

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7. Bostrom, Eric, Three-Decker

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8. Bousquet, Henry, Three-Decker

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9. Carlson, Eric, Three-Decker

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10. Crabtree, Thomas, Three-Decker

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Blodgett, Lydia, 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: 89002417

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 _____



Worcester Three-Decker's MHA

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WORCESTER, MA
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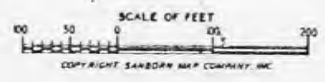
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GREEN HILL PARK



W O R C E S T E R

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

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