

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Worcester

Address 26 Ames Street

Historic Name Andrew Friberg Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1928

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Colonial Revival Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting urban multi-family residential on a street of three-deckers.

Recorded by Linda Haddad

Organization Junior League of Worcester

Date June 1982

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 19/269360/4680290

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester South

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Andrew Friberg Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the last phase of three-decker development on Vernon Hill, the city's most notable area of 20th century three-decker construction. It is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed example of the later forms of Colonial Revival style three-deckers built locally. The Friberg 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, 26 Ames Street represents a remarkably well-preserved and well-detailed example of the last period of Colonial Revival three-decker design in Worcester. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan and gable roof, and is sheathed with wood clapboard, with wood shingle bands between stories. The asymmetrical facade contains an entry bay with a recessed, three-tier porch capped by a pedimented gable that projects from the main gable pediment. The porch is supported by triple Tuscan columns, and contains open balustrades. Rather than the bay window characteristic of earlier plans, the porch is flanked on each story by a triple window, a feature typical on the city's last three-deckers. A second set of triple windows is located on a shallow, squared projecting window bay on a side wall. Window sash throughout is 2/1 with simple surrounds. The roof cornice overhang is decorated with regularly spaced modillion blocks.

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

Built during the last phase of three-decker development on the southern part of Vernon Hill, 26 Ames Street reflects the relocation of successful ethnic families from older East Side neighborhoods to new, hilltop suburban districts. On Vernon Hill, these families included Irish from the lower slopes of Vernon Hill and Grafton Hill, and Swedes from the Quinsigamond Village area. The first known owner of 26 Ames Street was Andrew Friberg, a laborer, who also resided here. Tenants in 1930 included another Swedish family, that of Mrs. Agnes Carlson; and a family of Irish extraction, that of Martin Berry. Edward, Elizabeth and John Berry were all employed as clerks.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester House Directory, Worcester Directory, 1928, 1930.

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

12/26/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

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| 21. Elm Street Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper Albion Byers 1/1/90 | |
| | | Attest <u>Barry Savage 02/09/90</u> | |
| 22. Erikson, Knut, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 23. Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 24. Fay Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
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| 25. Flagg, Levi, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
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| 26. Fontaine, George, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
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| 27. Friberg, Andrew, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
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| 28. Giguere, Thomas, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 29. Gullberg, Evert, House -Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
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| 30. Hadley, Gilbert, House -Decker | Entered in the
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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 Friberg, Andrew, 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: 89002387

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

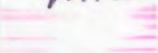
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three-Decker MA
ANDREW FRIBERG THREE DECKER
26 AMES STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC# 1735



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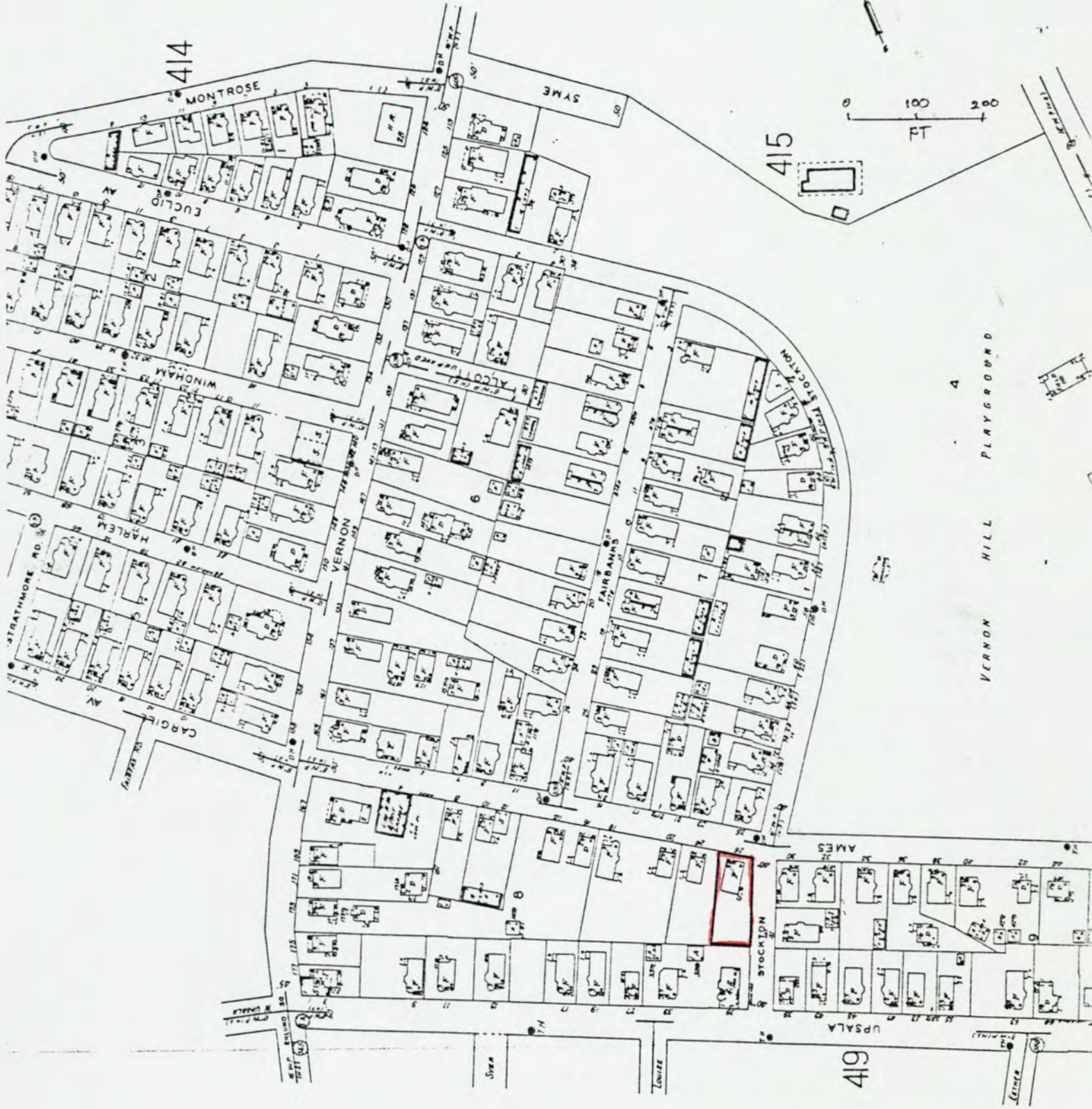
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VERNON HILL PLAYGROUND

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000305 _____