

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1826

Town WorcesterAddress 45 Canterbury StreetHistoric Name Elizabeth McCaffertyThree-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1894Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne style Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent, exterior recently
restored

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Mixed late 19th/early 20th
century multi-family residential,
commercial, and light industrial
street, with modern intrusions.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 19/267870/4681070USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Elizabeth McCafferty Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the multi-family housing built in the Cambridge Street area, one of the major industrial areas at the periphery of downtown Worcester in the late 19th century. It is also a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed example of local Queen Anne style three-decker construction. The McCafferty 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, 45 Canterbury Street is a well-detailed, modest local example of Queen Anne style three-decker design, one of the best preserved survivals in the Cambridge Street area. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan with side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with panelled, double doors, sheltered by a three-tier porch with lathe-turned posts. The porch is flanked by a three-story, projecting bay window. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with shingle bands between stories in the bay window. The hip roof has a wide cornice overhang that shelters both single and paired decorative brackets. Window sash is 2/1 and 1/1, with simple surrounds.

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

The Cambridge Street neighborhood in which the McCafferty Three-Decker was built ca. 1894 was defined by three rail lines that radiated from downtown Worcester; along these transportation corridors major local industrial expansion took place in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Employment opportunities attracted both skilled and unskilled workers, many of Irish extraction, and a residential district developed in the low-lying area between the rail lines and factories. The first owner of 45 Canterbury Street was Elizabeth McCafferty, who resided here into the second decade of the 20th century. Joseph T. McCafferty, a laborer, was also a resident during this period. Tenants in 1894 included Henry Crow, a machinist; and Thomas Smith, an armorer. Tenants in 1900 included Henry Crow; John Croake, a coremaker; and Thomas Croake, a laborer. By 1920, the house was owned and occupied by Joseph Toomey (Twomey), a laborer, who lived here through 1930. Tenants in 1910 included Edward Hayes, a teamster; Maurice Hayes, a policeman; and Robert Black, Jr., a machinist. Residents in 1920 included Edward and Maurice Hayes; and Patrick O'Leary, a machine operator. In 1930, tenants included Delia Ducharme, a widow; James Power, an engineer at the gas works; James Power, Jr., a student; and Margaret Power, a clerk.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1894, 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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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

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| 51. | Massad, Anthony, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 52. | McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker | Substantive Review | <i>John</i> Keeper | <i>Beth L. Savage</i> | 02-08
90 |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 53. | McCarron, Andrew, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 54. | McDermott, John B., Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 55. | McGrath, Patrick, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 56. | McGuinness, Patrick, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 57. | McPartland, Frank, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 58. | McPartland, James, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 59. | Munroe, Sarah, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <i>Helene Byers</i> | 2/9/90 |
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| 60. | Murphy, Patrick, Three-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: ~~OWNER OBJECTION~~ *NOMINATION*

PROPERTY NAME: McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002395

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: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Well preserved representative of
locally important building type
for multi-family housing of
working class in Worcester's
industrial areas.*

*See cover form for additional
contextual information on the
significance of the
building type.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER James
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 _____



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WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1826

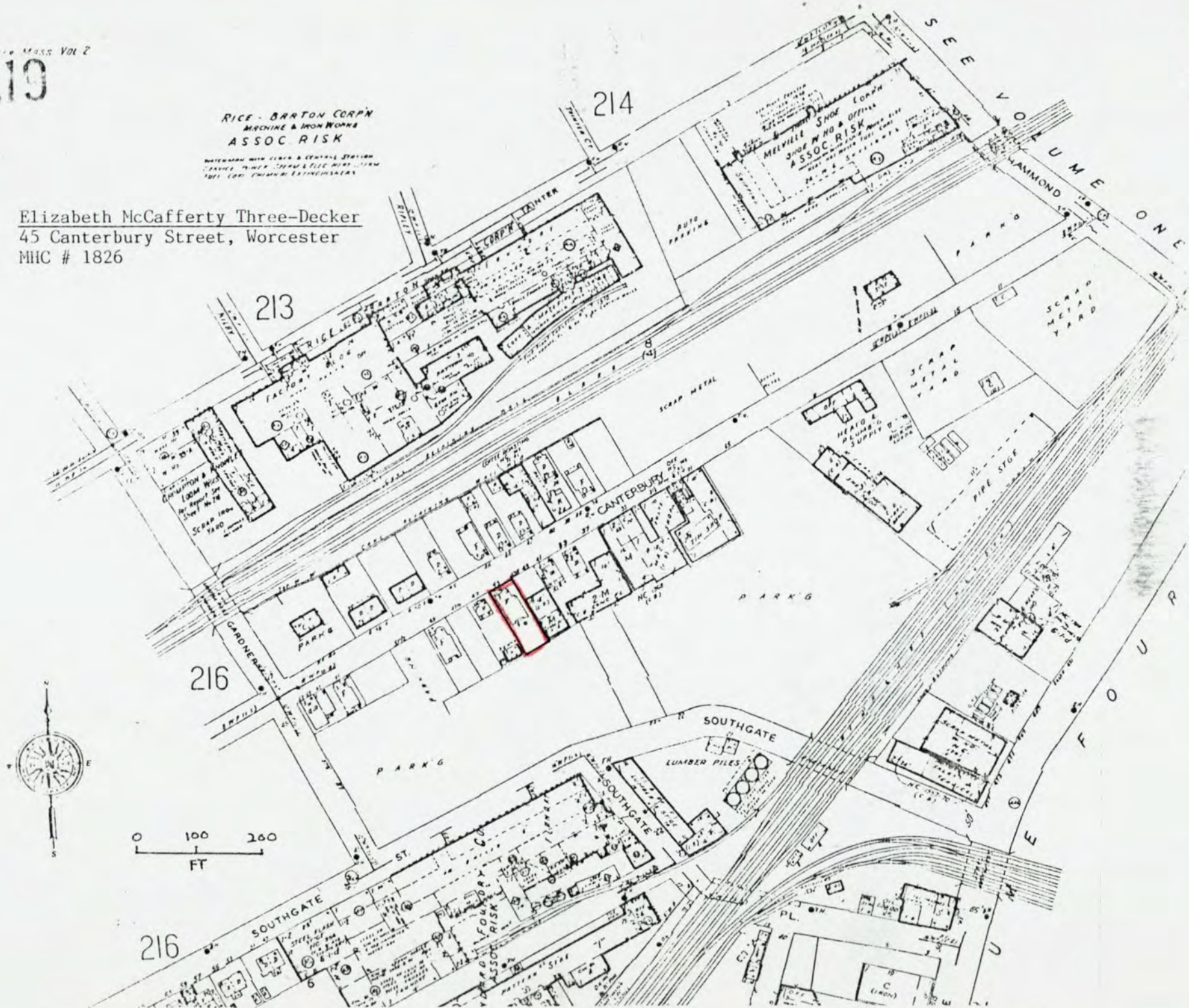


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RICE - BARTON CORP.
MACHINE & IRON WORKS
ASSOC. RISK

BATHROOM WITH CLOSET & CENTRAL STATION
KITCHEN, HALL, CLOSET & BATH
1901 LOT CHURCH EXTENSION

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45 Canterbury Street, Worcester
MHC # 1826



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305