

114 no 80000633

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 141-0
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Exp. 36 Roll 2

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 21 Oread Street
Name Edward Stark House
Present use residential

Edward F. and Darlene
Present owner Paquette
130 Lake Ave. 01604

3. Description:

Date ca. 1880

Source building notice

Style Queen Anne

Architect J.B. Woodworth

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features rounded bay with turret

sandstone banding, stone lintels,

some corbelling, wooden porch

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6, p.27
Lot 16 12,413 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

30'

6. Recorded by P. Multer
ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edward H. Stark
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates lodging house (present)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

Resembling the plan of the nearby Norcross Brothers' Houses (Forms 141-141-B-3 and 141-B-4), the Edward Stark House is an early example of Queen Anne style architecture. The house is two-and-one-half stories high, rising from a foundation of rock-faced sandstone; upper stories are built of pressed brick with dressed sandstone trim. Major features of the house's asymmetrical facade are a rounded bay (which rises to corbelling, a gabled dormer and turret), a porch with turned posts, double front doors, gable with decorative brickwork and chamfered sandstone window lintels. In addition the property retains its original granite stoops and retaining wall along Oread Street. At present the Stark House is unaltered and, together with its neighbor (the Charles Fitch House - Form 141-N), serves as a rare reminder of the appearance of the Oread Street neighborhood when it was the home of many of the city's manufacturers during the late nineteenth century.

Edward Stark (1829-1900) was a native of Halifax, Vermont who came to Worcester in 1850. In 1865 Edward Stark and his brother, O.N., formed a partnership as E.H. Stark & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers. Although Stark is not listed at 21 Oread Street in local directories until 1884, a building notice for the house was published in 1880. This notice gave the house's estimated cost as \$15,000 and named J.B. Woodworth as both architect and builder. Little is known of Woodworth, except that he practiced architecture in Worcester from 1877 until his death in 1893. The largest number of Woodworth's known designs are simple cottages and three-storey apartment blocks, none of which equal the high quality of the Stark House.

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

City atlases and directories.

American Architect and Building News, vol. VIII, 8/7/1880, p.71.

Washburn, C. Industrial Worcester p.238.

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. III, p. 388 (biography of Wm. N. Stark)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

CONTROL

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & 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-deckers). ^{Historian} Call/Accept
^{Lightner} 10-30-79
opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

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. ^{Architectural Historian} 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 bps need to be discussed with State.

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

OTHER

Accept
Marked
2/28/80

of the scale map and clearly delineated boundaries. ~~Acres~~ ^{Acres} was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11 corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 116 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - Does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~don't~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

but believe they could be OK. ~~Based~~ ^{Based}

on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/ NR staff + State. ^{DOUBLE} 3/5/80
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 & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



Stark, Edward, Hase

141-0

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21 Oread St

Worcester MA 01, Ma

South elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304