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FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 44-C
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Worcester
Address 246 Burncoat Street
Name Amos Flagg House
Present use residence

Present owner Richard & Anne Roche

3. Description:

Date 18th century (ca. 1748?)

Source exterior architecture, dees

Style timber-frame vernacular

Architect probably none

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features asymmetrical facade,

central chimney, 12 over 12 sash,

transom over entry

Altered none Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 12, p. 430
Lot 22 8,450 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street
35'

6. Recorded by L. Carruth
ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. So

Date January 1978

Roll 17

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

UTM:
19/270020/4687000

7. Original owner (if known) Amos Flagg (first known)

Original use residence (farmhouse)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input 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"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Located north of the center of Worcester, in an area which was rural until World War I, the Amos Flagg House is one of the city's few well-preserved timber-frame houses. The house consists of a one-storey front section which rises from a rubble foundation to a pitched roof, and a one-storey rear ell. The house's front section has a central chimney, asymmetrical facade (one door and three windows), 12/12 and 8/12 sash, and a sunken four-panel front door (ca.1790-1820) surmounted by a four-pane transom. The house appears unaltered after ca.1820.

Of apparent eighteenth-century origin, the Amos Flagg House has an unclear history and is not noted on Caleb Wall's "Map of Worcester's Earliest Settlers" published in 1877. During most of the nineteenth century the house belonged to Jonathan White, a farmer. White is thought to have come to Worcester in 1801 and worked on the farm of Joel Gleason, later on the farm of Amos Flagg, who had married Betsey Gleason, daughter of Joel Gleason. After Flagg's death in 1825, White married Flagg's widow and took title to the property. Until 1914 the house and farm remained in the possession of White's heirs. After 1914 the surrounding area was subdivided into house lots and the Amos Flagg House was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Nelson, who retained ownership into the 1970s.

It seems most likely that the house was constructed for Alan (Allen) Flagg on a fifty-acre parcel which Flagg sold (or perhaps mortgaged) to Jonas Gale of Waltham in 1748. During the eighteenth century the property (with alterations in its boundaries) changed hands several times

(cont.)

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

City maps and directories

Carruth, L. Historical research prepared for and on file at the Worcester Heritage Preservation Society.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Worcester	Form No: 44-C
Property Name: Amos Flagg House	

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

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within the Gleason and Flagg families. Owned briefly by Silas and Amos Flagg jointly in 1807, the house was not owned solely by Amos Flagg until 1816, the year of his marriage. Although the Flagg House is among the best preserved "Cape Cod" style houses in Worcester, it has been largely unnoticed by the traditional sources of historical information.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

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). Opposition is high. Minor problems w/ some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN
Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

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

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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. PBDS were not necessary because

OTHER
ACCEPT
MacDonald
2/28/80

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

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 10 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ 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.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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}
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; ^{3/5/80}
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state ^{DOUBLE}

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 SHPO), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (listing from state)

Soldha
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



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44-C
Flagg, Amos, House
246 Burncoat St.
Worcester MA, Ma
South + east elev.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304