

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1629

Town WorcesterAddress 18 Ashton StreetHistoric Name Evert Gullberg Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1902Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival (Gambrel) Three-
DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) modern
siding on gambrel faces (3rd quarter, 20th cCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting late 19th/early 20th century, urban,
multi-family, residential streetRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization Clark UniversityDate June 1980

Revised for MHC by Michael Steinitz-12/88

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 19/269870/4684750USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Evert Gullberg Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the early 20th century extension of middle-class, multi-family streetcar suburbs northward into the neighborhoods along the Lincoln Street corridor. It is also a well-preserved and well-detailed example of the early gambrel-roofed variation of local Colonial Revival three-decker design. The Gullberg 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, 18 Ashton Street is a well-preserved example of early gambrel-roofed, Colonial Revival three-decker construction in the city. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan, and is clad in wood clapboard, with wood cut-shingle on the bay windows on the main facade. Modern siding has been placed over the shingle sheathing on the gambrel faces. The first and second stories exhibit typical local Colonial Revival details. An asymmetrical main facade features a recessed entry porch flanked by a bay window with upper light stained glass in the front window. A second bay window projects from the side wall. The building's third story is defined by its gambrel roof. In the main facade, the third floor porch is contained in a semi-circular gable opening, and is flanked by a pair of double sash windows with diamond-paned upper lights. A small, elliptical light is located near the gambrel apex. Cross-gambrel dormers, and a smaller shed dormer mark the side elevations. Windows throughout contain 1/1 and 2/1 sash 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 Gullberg Three-Decker was built ca. 1902 as part of the northern extension of subdivisions along the Lincoln Street corridor on the west slope of Green Hill. The area developed as a middle-class, multi-family streetcar suburb north of downtown. The first owner of the house was Evert Gullberg, a carpenter, who resided here. Tenants in 1902 included William Meyn, a salesman; and M.V. Loudin, a grocer. Gullberg owned the house over the next decade, but by 1916, the owner/occupant was C. Russell Forbes, a printer who worked downtown. By 1924, the building was owned by Aaron Reed and Max Cohen, who possessed five other rental properties in the city. In 1928 it was owned by Frank and Anna Bergstrand, also as rental property. Most residents of 18 Ashton through the first three decades of the 20th century were employed in white collar, supervisory, or semi-skilled jobs. In 1908, tenants included Robert Darrell, a foreman; and Ophra Keller, a music teacher. In 1916 they included Arthur McGee, a fireman; and Chester Lord, an engineer for the Boston and Maine Railroad. In 1924 residents included two foremen, Leslie Mann and William Bush.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1902, 1908, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
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
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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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National Register | Keeper <u>Albion Byers 2/9/90</u> | |
| | | Attest _____ | |
| 23. Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District | Entered in the
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| 24. Fay Street Historic District | 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 Gullberg, Evert, 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: 89002388

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

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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 _____



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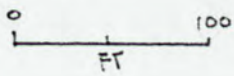
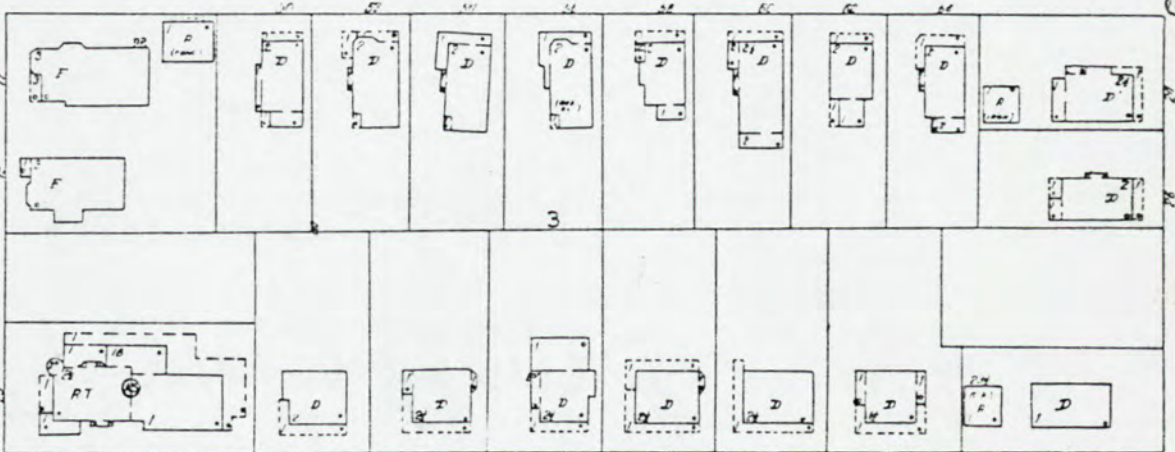
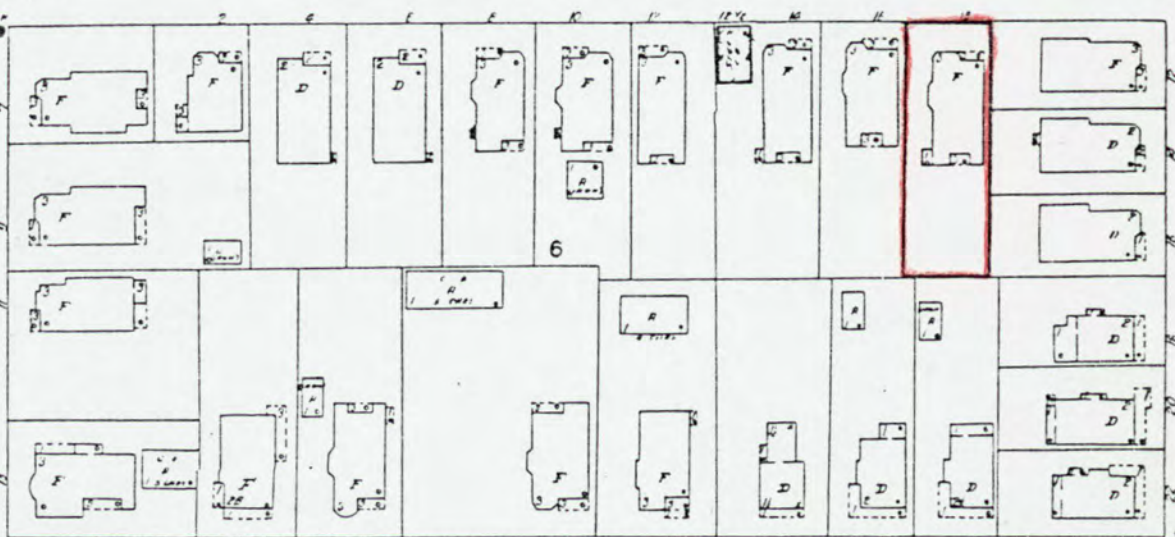
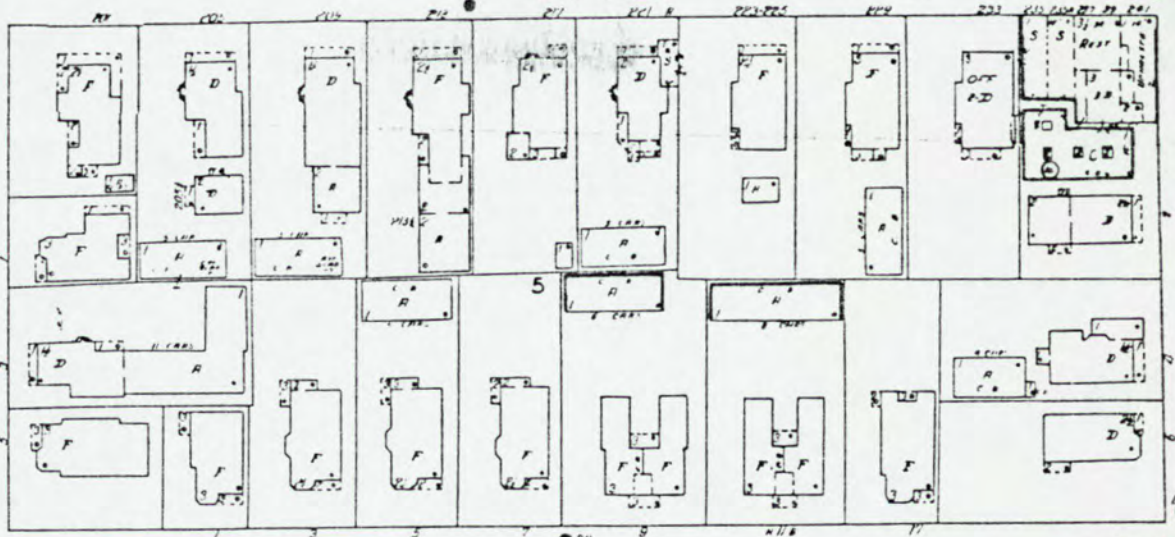
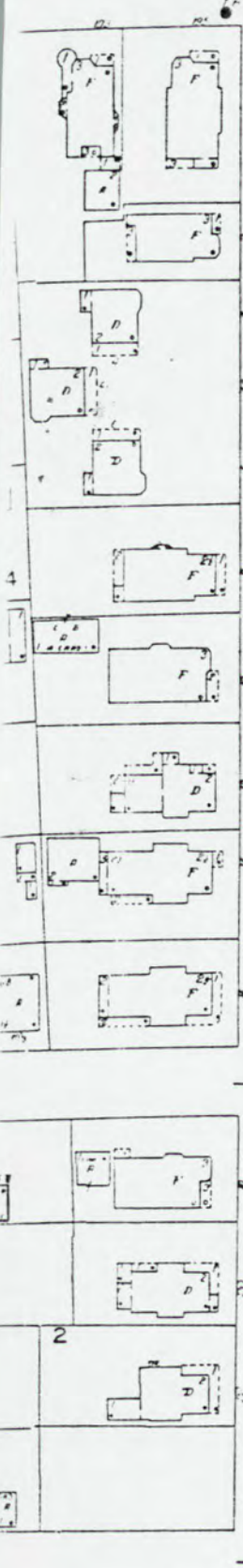
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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