

FORM B - BUILDING

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

10/ # 20000532

In Area no.

Form no.

142-A-1

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll #2

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 7 Sycamore Street
Name Daniel Stevens House
Present use residential apartments

Daniel Daly and Paul
Present owner Lenarski
14 Knowlton Ave.

3. Description: Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545

Date ca. 1865-1870

Source atlases, exterior
architecture

Style Second Empire

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features granite foundation,
double bay window facade, decorated
window lintel, slate mansard roof,
brackets

Altered porch posts Date mid-20th
century

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 3, p.8
Lot 12 6,410 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 67'

Approximate distance of building from street
15'

- C. Charalambides and E.
6. Recorded by Kuniholm, ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date November 1977

UTM
19/268470/4682010

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Daniel Stevens

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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)

The Daniel Stevens House is a two-storey brick structure with a third storey beneath a slate-covered mansard roof. The house has a symmetrical facade (north) consisting of a center entry and open porch (posts replaced 20th century) flanked by three-sided bay windows. Decorative trim consists of quoins, sandstone window lintels with incised decoration, decorative brickwork beneath the cornice, brackets and dormers with brackets. Along the property's frontage is a retaining wall and gate posts, all of dressed granite.

Daniel Stevens (1818-1888) was a native of Charlton, Massachusetts who traveled to California with his brother, Charles P., in 1850 in search of gold. By 1853 the two had returned to Worcester where they formed a partnership as D. and C.P. Stevens, painters. In 1854, the Stevens brothers expanded their business to include the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. Having occupied a building on the site of the present Federal Building (Main and Southbridge Streets), the Stevens' moved their business in 1867 to #32 Southbridge Street, a building which they owned and expanded into a major commercial block (see Stevens Building - Form 130-CBD-68). The Stevens brothers later became involved in a variety of ventures including a large grain and flour business and real estate development along Southbridge Street.

Beginning in 1853 Daniel and Charles Stevens shared a house at #7 Sycamore Street. It is likely that the present house was built around 1865-1870 and that the previous building was either moved to a new

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

location or destroyed. In 1880 Charles Stevens moved to Woodland Street, after which #7 Sycamore Street was occupied by Daniel Stevens. In nearly original condition, the Stevens House is an excellent local example of Second Empire architecture.

Nutt, Charles. History of Worcester, vol. III, pp. 162-163.

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

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2/28/80

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

KEEPER

Soldha
3/5/80

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

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). ~~Minor~~ 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. DUBIE

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

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. PURCHASE WAS MISSING IN SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{now} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend Listing all properties ~~except~~ ^{now} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further w/NR staff + State.} DUBIE
Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

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 fruit from State)

SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



MRA

142-A-1

Stevens, Daniel, House

7 Sycamore St.

Worcester MRA, Ma

North & West
elevations

30 AUG 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Worcester Multiple Resource Center
9-11-79
United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

SEP 27 1979

Dear Property Owner:

The property you own has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether your property should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether your property should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Charles A. Herrington, Acting Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name and address of the property as shown on the address label on this letter. If you have questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don'ts for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Daniel Daly & Paul Lenarski
14 Knowlton Ave.
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

RE: Worcester Multiple Resource Area
Worcester, MA/7 Sycamore Street

Dear Mr. Herrington
One no longer
interested in having
the building listed
in the National
Historical Place Register
Daniel Daly

