

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
	103-J

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

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

Roll 21

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

1. Town Worcester  
Address 3 Channing Way  
Name Prentiss-Hanson House  
Present use residential

Present owner W. Arthur Garrity  
340 Main Street  
3. Description: Worcester, Mass. 01608  
Date ca. 1877

Source city atlases and directories  
Style Victorian Gothic  
Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick  
Outbuildings (describe) modern two-storey frame house  
Other features central tower facing Kendall Street, steeply pitched slate roof, stone trim

Altered minor Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

UTM:  
19/269645/4683750

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p.16 Lot 10 11,967 sq.ft.  
One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 100' Channing Way 125' Kendall Street  
Approximate distance of building from street

10' (Channing Way)  
S. Lee  
6. Recorded by ed. B.R. Pfeiffer  
Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.  
Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Addison Prentiss

Original use residence

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 type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Located on a hilltop approximately 40' above Kendall Street, the Prentiss-Hanson House is an important local example of Victorian Gothic architecture. The house is of brick construction, two and one half stories high with gabled slate roofs. The house's facade (south) is symmetrical with a three-and-one-half storey tower at its center and an open porch extending its length. The tower rises to a high hip roof with jurkinhead dormers on each side. On either side of the tower, the facade has paired windows at both stories. Both side (east and west) elevations and the rear (north) elevation are asymmetrical. Throughout, windows are rectangular (2/1 sash) with rectangular sills and lintels of rock-faced granite. The building's north elevation contains an original open porch and entry, which seems likely to have been the house's major entry as the steep slope of the house's facade makes the facade entry inaccessible. With the exception of the posts of its facade porch, the Prentiss-Hanson House is in original condition.

The Prentiss-Hanson House was built for Addison Prentiss (1815-1895), a local publisher who came to Worcester in 1851-1852. Until 1866 Prentiss worked as a designer, lithographer and engraver, producing (among other views) an important 1851 view of Worcester from Court Hill. After 1866 Prentiss became a book dealer and later a publisher. Prentiss occupied #3 Canning Way until 1887 when he sold it to Charles F. Hanson. Hanson, who was Worcester's first Swedish immigrant, came to Worcester in 1868 at the age of nineteen years. Having worked as a piano tuner and repairman for S.R. Leland and Co., Hanson in 1870 opened his own business,

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

selling pianos, musical instruments and "musical merchandise." Active in local Swedish organizations, Hanson became one of the wealthiest and most influential members of Worcester's large Swedish community.

City directories (Prentiss)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. IV, pp. 895-896 (Hanson biography)

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-deckers). 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. **DOBIE**

**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 bldgs need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ <sup>both</sup> 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  
MURPHY  
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Pressure 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:  
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD - 11  
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ <sup>am</sup> not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. BASED ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Recommend Listing all properties <sup>now</sup> except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ <sup>to discuss further w/NR staff + state.</sup> **DOBIE**  
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 & dems from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding info from state)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>SEE 3/13/80 REPORT</sup>



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3 Channing Way  
Prestiss, Addison, House  
south elevation

Worcester MRA, Ma



103-J <sup>Worcester MA</sup>  
3 Channing Way  
premiss, Address, house  
east & north  
elevations

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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