

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

ref no 20000605

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
	130-P-1

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

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

1. Town Worcester

Name of area (if any) Oxford-Crown

Extension District

3. General date or period ca. 1849-1888

4. Is area uniform (explain):

in style? no (mixed Victorian)

in condition? no (poor to excellent)

in type of ownership? yes (private)

in use? no (primarily residential /
some commercial)

Roll 30

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by J. Herron, D. Latino &
B. R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

UTM for 130-0 and 130-P-1

A 19/268105/4682760

B 19/268460/4682740

C 19/268440/4682500

D 19/268120/4682230

(over)

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The Oxford-Crown Extension District is an irregularly-shaped district, including properties on Austin, Chatham, Congress, Crown and Pleasant Streets. The district's boundaries have been selected to include Greek Revival and early Victorian houses of related design and history to those found in the already existing Oxford-Crown Historic District (Form 130-0). Also, along Pleasant Street's north side, several Victorian brick blocks have been included to extend a group of Victorian brick buildings on the north side of Pleasant Street (which are in the Oxford-Crown District - Form 130-0) and to recognize the visual importance of these brick blocks which stand at the base of Oxford and Crown Streets. On the east the extension district is bounded by a small group of factories and by an area of similar type, but severely altered; on the south, a drop in grade along the rear lots of Austin Street forms a natural boundary; on the west the district is bounded by areas of similar type, but severely altered and re-developed. Properties included within the extension district are shown in Worcester Assessors Book 3, pages 16 (Lots 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28 & 34), 23 (Lots 9-13 inclusive), 24 (Lots 2, 9, 10, 15, 17, 17-A, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 35 & 37), 26 (Lots 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 40, 47 & 48), 28 (Lots 13 & 14), 29 (Lots 5, 17, 18 & 19).

St #	1st owner (occupation)	date	description
<u>ASHLAND STREET</u>			
1-7	Charles Freeland (unknown)	1870	Second Empire, Panel Brick - Emerson & Fehmer, arch'ts 2½ stories, brick construction, slate mansard roof, decorative brick-work

cont'd.

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

city atlases & directories

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Worcester	Form No: 130-P-1
Property Name: Oxford-Crown Extension District	

1.

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

7. Property list

st # 1st known owner (occupation) date description

AUSTIN STREET

- 95 Wm. D. Holbrook (Wm. H. Dexter & Co.) ca. 1855
side-hall Victorian - 2 story, gabled facade, paired brackets
porch with open supports, brackets and pendants
- 99 empty lot
- 101 empty lot
- 103 Henry Reed, Jr. (cutter) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival
2 story, side-hall plan, pedimented facade, pilasters, porch
with brackets and pendants
- 107 Jones Estabrook (insurance) ca. 1851-1860 side-hall
Victorian, 1½ story, gable facade with barge boards, porch
with brackets
- 109 Hiram Baird (clicker) ca. 1851-1860 side-hall Victorian
2 story, rebuilt ca. 1880, porch with elaborate turnings,
barge boards and gable apron
- 111 Edwin A. Morse (machinist) ca. 1851-1860 side-hall
Victorian, 2½ story, gabled facade, porch with brackets, paired
brackets at eaves
- 113 Josian P. Houghton (water wheels) ca. 1851-1860 side-hall
Victorian, 2 story, gabled facade, porch with brackets,
double doors
- 98 Amos White (clothes dryers) ca. 1851 Greek Revival, 2½ story
temple front with Doric columns, pediment, corner pilasters
- 102 Dennis Lynch (1896 owner) ca. 1851 Greek Revival, side-
hall plan, pilastered entry, 3rd story added
- 104 Miss Elizabeth Scott (none given) ca. 1870 side-hall
Victorian, 2 story, steep gable, altered by siding
- 110 David G. Tapley (pattern maker) ca. 1860 side-hall Victorian
2 stories, gabled facade, porch with open supports and
brackets, cornice brackets
- 114 Rufus Chase (painter) ca. 1851 Greek Revival/Victorian
2 stories, side-hall plan, porch with brackets and arched
supports, corner pilasters

CHATHAM STREET

- 77 Willard Jones (Willard Jones & Co.) ca. 1869 Second Empire,
2½ story, side-hall plan, slate mansard roof, arched dormers,
paired brackets, bracketed porch
- 78 Charles White (boot manufacturer) ca. 1851 Italianate
2½ story, "T" plan, porch with open supports, brackets,
stylized capitals, window hoods on consoles, corner pilasters
with brackets

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7. Property list, cont'd.

CONGRESS STREET

- 1 John Spaulding (carpenter) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival/
Victorian, 2 story, side hall plan, Papyrus & Acanthus
capitals, modillioned cornice
- 5 John Spaulding (carpenter) ca. 1858 side-hall Victorian
2½ story, facade gable, pilasters, paired brackets, entry bay
- 7 Alex J. Warfield (boot crimper) ca. 1851 Greek Revival
2½ story, side-hall plan, pedimented facade, pilasters
- 9 ? moved to present site - 20th c. ca. 1870 side-hall
Victorian, 2½ story, gabled facade
- 13 Edwin J. Leland (photographer) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival
1½ story, side-hall plan, corner pilasters, gabled facade
- 15 Simon T. Jacobs (carpenter) ca. 1855 Greek Revival
2story, side-hall plan, pedimented facade, pilasters at corners
and entry
- 4 S. John (not listed) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival, 2 story,
side-hall plan, pedimented facade, pilasters, Queen Anne
alterations (ca. 1900)
- 6 Cyrus K. Hubbard ("Fruit, confectionary & eating house")
ca. 1851-1857 Greek Revival, 2½ story, side-hall plan,
gabled facade, porch with Doric columns & brackets
- 8-10 Hiram Barnard (Barnard Bros.) Geo. Bliss (hats, caps, etc.)
1890-91 Queen Anne - Barker & Nurse arch'ts 2½ story,
decorative shingling, corner tower, porch with octagonal
bay
- 12 Nelson Cowen (not listed) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival
1½ story, side-hall plan, gabled facade, hood on brackets at
entry.
- 14 Alfred Metcalf (machinist) ca. 1851-1860 early Victorian
1½ story, side-hall plan, steep gable with open eaves
- 16 Joshua Wheeler (machinist) ca. 1857 Vistorian (curiosity)
3½ story, irregular plan, steep gables with large boards, bay
windows, pediments on cconsoles at windows, porch ca. 1875

CROWN STREET

- 19 Granville Langley (Bigelow & Langley) ca. 1870 Second
Empire, 2½ story, side-hall plan, bay windows, pedimented
dormers
- 21-23 Carter Whitcomb (manufacturer) ca. 1851-1860 Greek Revival/
Italianate, 2 stories, brick, low hip roof, symmetrical facade
with paired entries, sandstone lintels and sills
- 18 George Rice (Goddard, Rice & Co.) ca. 1851 Italianate,
2 story, symmetrical facade with decorative gable, quoins,
cornice with modillions, original porch

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Crown Street, cont.

- 24 Elijah Brooks (clicker) ca. 1867 side-hall Victorian, 2 story, side-hall plan, gabled facade, pilasters, window caps
- 28 Jonathan Luther (not listed) ca. 1850-1860 side-hall Victorian, 1½ story, gabled facade, with barge boards, porch with brackets

Pleasant Street

- 187 John Day (lawyer) 1887 elements of Victorian Gothic, Barker & Nourse, arch'ts., 4 story brick, sandstone trim, decorative brickwork, original ironwork
- 195 Harrison Prentice (real estate) 1888 elements of Victorian Gothic, Barker & Nourse, arch'ts., 4 story brick, granite sills & lintels forming belt courses, date plaque, decorative brick work, parapet

Significance

Contiguous to the existing Oxford-Crown Historic District (Form 130-0), the Oxford-Crown Extension District contains buildings of similar period and architectural quality to those found within the Oxford-Crown Historic District. Together the two areas preserve a large portion of one of Worcester's earliest residential districts, one which was built up during the boom years of 1845-1860. Although some demolitions have taken place, the majority of buildings built here prior to 1870 remain, complemented by the area's abundance of fine granite walls, gate posts and stairways. The largest number of houses in the area are of the popular side-hall floor plan with gabled (or pedimented) facades. While many of this type are purely Greek Revival in style (such as 98 Austin Street, 7 & 15 Congress Street), others (such as 95 and 103 Austin Street) combine elements of Greek Revival architecture with brackets and open porch supports which are more characteristic of Italianate Victorian architecture.

In addition to an abundance of simple side-hall plan houses, the Oxford-Crown Extension District contains several rarer building types. Among these are 98 Austin Street (ca. 1851), one of Worcester's few temple-front Greek Revival style houses; 21 Crown Street (ca. 1851-1860), a brick double house combining elements of Greek Revival and Italianate architecture; 1 Congress Street (ca. 1851-1860) which has a porch supported by finely carved acanthus and papyrus capitals; and 16 Congress Street (ca. 1857), a three-and-a-half storey architectural curiosity containing high gables, barge boards and an unusual plan. Within the district are two unusually fine local

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Significance, cont'd.

examples of Italianate architecture, 18 Crown Street (ca. 1851) and 78 Chatham Street (ca. 1851).

Streets within the Extension District were opened for development at approximately the same times as those within the Oxford-Crown Historic District. The first street in the Extension District (excluding Pleasant Street, which dates from the eighteenth century) was Austin Street (1845) which was followed by Congress Street (1846), Chatham Street (named Division Street - prior to 1849), and Crown Street (partially opened before 1851). By 1860, the area was nearly completely built up, with only a few houses built on remaining open lots between 1860 and 1870. As with the neighboring Oxford-Crown Historic District, the Extension District's first residents were artisans, small-scale manufacturers and businessmen.

At the Extension District's north boundary (Pleasant Street) are two early apartment house blocks (187 Pleasant Street -1887 and 195 Pleasant Street -1888) and a row house block (1-7 Ashland Street, 1870). Standing on the sites of earlier frame houses, these brick blocks conform to a pattern of re-development which occurred in the city's inner neighborhoods during the late nineteenth century; such redevelopment occurred principally along major, arterial roads (such as Pleasant Street), leaving side streets mostly unaltered. The brick blocks included in the Extension District are good examples of their period and also provide visual boundaries of appropriate scale for the north ends of Oxford and Crown Streets.

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Property Name: Oxford Crown Extension District	

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

7. Address -----	Assessor's Data -----	Present Owner -----
<u>Austin Street</u>		
95	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 13--5,510 sq. ft.	Alcides & Dolores Valentin
99	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 14--8,695 sq. ft.	City of Worcester
101	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 34--4,128 sq. ft.	Francis Larkin 280 Main St. Milford, Mass. 01757
103	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 17--4,112 sq. ft.	Peter & Spyridoula Sotiriou
107	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 28--3,229 sq. ft.	Donald & Patricia Beeso
109	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 21--5,686 sq. ft.	Richard Salmon 19 Elizabeth St. Worcester, Mass. 01605
111	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 22--5,404 sq. ft.	Marion Grundberg, Trustee for Kristopher K. Grund- berg 154 Prospect St. West Boylston, Mass. 01583
113	Book 3, p. 16 Lot 23--5,500 sq. ft.	Mary Ann Clark 9 King Terrace Leicester, Mass. 01524
98 } 102 }	Book 3, p. 24 Lots 18 & 23-- 13,130 sq. ft.	Halen, Inc. 131 Russell Ave. Watertown, Mass. 02172
104	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 17-A--5,880 sq. ft.	Georgia Staupis
110	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 15--5,240 sq. ft.	Evelyn Briuson, Trustee
114	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 2--9,330 sq. ft.	John & Rita Gallant

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Chatham Street

77	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 19--24, 146 sq. ft.	B & E Realty Co. 226 Chandler St. Worcester, Mass. 01609
78	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 30--7, 652 sq. ft.	Gerald & Christine Scher

Congress Street

5	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 36--6, 725 sq. ft.	Hubert & Helen Davis
7 9	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 31--6, 715 sq. ft.	Armand & Pauline Benoit
13	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 18--6, 597 sq. ft.	Patricia C. Gould 1 Clough Terrace Worcester, Mass. 01609
15	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 13--6, 911 sq. ft.	Joseph Savino
4	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 32--5, 776 sq. ft.	Blanche Paquette 309 Lincoln St. Worcester, Mass. 01605
6	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 27--7, 476 sq. ft.	Ramon Tonelli 53 Suffolk St. Worcester, Mass. 01604
8-10	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 47 & 48-- 5,352 sq. ft.	Congress Hill Condominium Trust Attn: Timothy Rigg
12	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 23--6, 570 sq. ft.	Alfred & Stephanie Pisegna
14	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 17--6, 604 sq. ft.	Jacqueline Ross
16	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 14--6, 420 sq. ft.	Congress Alley Reconst. struction Corp.

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Crown Street

19	Book 3, p. 23 Lot 11--7,740 sq. ft.	Therese Desautels
21-23	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 9 & 10-- 8,800 sq. ft.	Haralambes & Eleni Mironides 12 Townsend St. Worcester, Mass. 01609
18	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 20--11,732 sq. ft. 35--9,876 37--2,640	Nesor Motels Inc. 72 Highland St. Worcester, Mass. 01609
24	Book 3, p. 26 Lot 21--8,482 sq. ft.	Leo & Annette Dutram 150 Church St. Northboro, Mass. 01532
28	Book 3, p. 24 Lot 22--8,565 sq. ft.	Dora L. Robert 58 Elm St. Worcester, Mass. 01609

Pleasant Street

187	Book 3, p. 28 Lot 14--10,805 sq. ft.	Wilfred J. & Kathleen W. Mangold
195	Book 3, p. 28 Lot 13--5,200 sq. ft.	same

Ashland Street

1-3	Book 3, p. 29 Lot 5 & 19-- 3,228 sq. ft.	Julia Tsiritsi & Aehilea Kushtgini 4 Greenwood St. Worcester, Mass. 01607
5	Book 3, p. 29 Lot 18--1,614 sq. ft.	Thomas Mulhern 23 Waconah Rd.,
7	Book 3, p. 29 Lot 17--2,515, sq. ft.	William Senecal 22 North Worcester Ave. Worcester, Mass. 01606

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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-deckers). **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

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. **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 bldg need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. **OTHER**
ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. PRESENCE WAS MISSING IN SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____

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~~ ^{AM} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
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~~ w/NR staff + state. **BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state
3/5/80
DOBIE

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 (holding info from state) **3/5/80**

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____
SEE 3/3/80 REPORT

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304

78 CHATHAM ST.
WORCESTER, MA.
OCTOBER 5, 1979

DEAR ACTING KEEPER:

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER (NO. 663) OF SEPTEMBER 27TH REGARDING PENDING PLANS FOR THE WORCESTER MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA.

WE HAVE ALREADY VOICED OUR OPPOSITION TO THE WAY IN WHICH PLANS FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. OBJECTION WAS MADE TO BOTH THE WORCESTER HERITAGE SOCIETY AND TO THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION. WE WERE NEVER INFORMED OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES ATTENDANT UPON SUCH A LISTING, IN FACT WE WEREN'T EVEN TOLD OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY'S INTENTION TO NOMINATE OUR BUILDING UNTIL IT WAS A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

THIS IS THE KIND OF TREATMENT WE'VE COME TO EXPECT FROM THE HERITAGE SOCIETY AS ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS CONSISTENTLY RUN THE GAMUT FROM CONDESCENSION TO CONTEMPT. THEY HAVE STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF MUCH OF THE DETERIORATION IN THE AREA, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO LABEL IT A CULTURAL PROBLEM REQUIRING "EDUCATION" OF THE RESIDENTS.

BUT THEIR EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MINIMAL COMPARED TO THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO THE BUYING AND RESTORING OF BUILDINGS WHICH ARE THEN, IN EVERY CASE I KNOW OF, SOLD TO PEOPLE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE HERITAGE SOCIETY; PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T HAVE DEIGNED TO WALK THROUGH THE AREA, MUCH LESS LIVE HERE BEFORE THE SOCIETY'S TAKEOVER.

MANY OF THE AREA'S POORER AND "LESS DESIRABLE" RESIDENTS ARE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY NUDGED TO THE FRINGES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE TYPICAL "LOW TO MIDDLE INCOME" MODERN HOUSING WITH ALL OF ITS INADEQUACIES AWAITS THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS AS WELL AS I WHO HAVE VOICED THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF THIS POLICY TO THE HERITAGE SOCIETY, BUT SINCE IT'S MORE DE FACTO THAN CONSCIOUSLY PLANNED THEY FEEL NO RESPONSIBILITY TO CHANGE IT AND LITTLE INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE AREA'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITY.

WHILE I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THESE BEAUTIFUL OLD BUILDINGS, WHICH HAVE HOUSED SO MANY PEOPLE SO GRACIOUSLY FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, AND WHICH ADD SO MUCH TO THE PLEASURE OF LIVING HERE, I CONSIDER THE GRADUAL DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS TRAGIC AS I ONCE CONSIDERED THE

DESTRUCTION OF ITS ARCHITECTURE.
I SEE NO REASON WHY IT MUST BE
ONE OR THE OTHER.

WE HAVE LIVED IN THIS HOUSE
FOR TWELVE YEARS AND HAVE LOVED
IT AND ENJOYED THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SINCE THE FIRST DAY. WE'VE SPENT
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND IN-
CALCULABLE AMOUNTS OF TIME AND
ENERGY TO MAINTAIN IT. AND WE WOULD
CONSIDER IT A GREAT INJUSTICE WERE
WE TO FINALLY BE FORCED TO LEAVE
BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC FACTORS WHICH
THE HERITAGE SOCIETY HAS THE
RESOURCES BUT NOT THE WILL TO COMBAT;
FACTORS WHICH INSTEAD THEY SEEM TO
BE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF PRESER-
VATION ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA FOR
THE PAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS I SEE
LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER AS
ONE MORE NAIL IN THE COFFIN OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR SURVIVAL AS
RESIDENTS HERE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Chris Kelly (Scher)

OCT 29 1979

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Mr. Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.
Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple, P.C.
Counselors at Law
The Guaranty Building
370 Main Street - Room 1250
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

Dear Mr. Erskine:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed listing of the Worcester Multiple Resource Area, Worcester County, Massachusetts, in the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register will consider your comments during the review process and will provide a copy of your letter to the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108. Although National Register regulations require that a property owner be given an opportunity to comment on a proposed nomination, an owner's permission is not required for listing.

Listing in the National Register is Federal recognition that a property possesses cultural value and is worthy of preservation. Once listed in the National Register, a property receives limited protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally assisted projects on historic properties. Provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 provide incentives for the rehabilitation of certain structures listed in the National Register and disincentives for their demolition. Listing has no other effect on the property. It does not affect the range of actions an owner can take as long as a Federal action is not involved.

If the Worcester Multiple Resource Area is accepted for listing in the National Register, notice will be placed in the "Federal Register." If additional information is needed to complete the evaluation, or if it is determined that the property does not meet the National Register criteria for evaluation, the nomination will be returned to the State.

We appreciate your participation in the National Register commenting process.

Sincerely,

Carel D. Shull (Sgd.)

Charles A. Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Identical letters sent to:

cc: Candace Jenkins, N.R. Coordinator for Mass. Historical Commission

J. M. Amit, Clerk, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Mass.

John M. Carlson, Administrative Assistant Memorial Hospital Mass.

J. L. Goff, President, The Mart, A division of United Factory Outlet, Mass.

Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr., R.C. Taylor Associates, Mass.

Bartown Kelly, President Worcester County Institution for Savings, Mass

Chris Kelly, Worcester Multiple Resource Area

cc: Massachusetts SHPO, Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski

bcc: Director's Reading File

FHR: SLightner:mjd 343-6401 10/25/79

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN NR



130-P-1 Distmt
Oxford-Crown Extension
13-15 Congress
Worcester MK4, No. 51
East & north elev

20 AUG 1979



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On foot - Crown Point (11 District)

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W. 1124 Ma

5+7 Congress
North + West
elevations



535A

03 Perot-Crowe Expansion District
130-P-1
Worcester M&A, MA
19 and 21-23
Crown St
West + south
elevation

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535A

Osford-crown Extension District
130-A-1
Windsor Mt., MA

98 Austin St
West + south
elevations

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Worcester MTA, Ma

114-110 Austin

Oxford-Crown Extension St.

South-east

eleven hours

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Worcester NRA, MA

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Oxford-Croan Extension

18 Crown St^{district}

South-east
elevations

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78 Chatham St

Outer-Crown Extension District

South elevations

Worcester MRA, MA

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Oxford-Crown Extension
130-P-1 District

1-7 Ashland St.

Worcester MRA, MA

North & west
elevations

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