

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

1617

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.

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Town Worcester

Address 25 Suffield Street

Historic Name Patrick McGuinness

Three-Decker

Use: ¹ Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1908

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Colonial Revival Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th/early 20th century, urban, multi-family, residential street.

UTM REFERENCE 19/269230/4681070

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester South

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by John Callahan

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Patrick McGuinness Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the ethnic, working-class, residential district that developed along the western slope of Vernon Hill on the city's East Side in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed example of a double (six apartment) three-decker built with Colonial Revival style elements. The McGuinness 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, 25 Suffield Street is a remarkably well-preserved and finely detailed example of the use of Colonial Revival details in a double three-decker. The house has a symmetrical main facade with a recessed central three-tier porch, flanked on either side by shallow, rounded three-story bay windows. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with wide wood shingle bands between stories on both the front and sides of the building. The front porch is supported by slender Tuscan columns, and features a pair of arched openings with keystones on the third tier. The first floor entry is flanked by 3/4 side lights. Unusual are the shallow, two-story bay windows that project from the second and third stories on the sides of the building. The very shallow hip roof has a wide cornice overhang, with regularly spaced, decorative brackets.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The McGuinness Three-Decker was constructed as part of the early 20th century development of the lower western slope of Vernon Hill as an ethnic, working-class, multi-family residential neighborhood. The area was initially an Irish and (to a lesser extent) Swedish district, but by the 1920s, families of Polish and Lithuanian extraction were locating here. Built ca. 1908, 25 Suffield Street was developed as an income producing, six-apartment double three-decker. The first owner was Patrick McGuinness, a plumber, who lived at 11 Orne Street. Tenants in 1908 included Michael McHugh, a trimmer; James McHugh, an electrician; Oliver Hebert and Axel Granlund, machinists; Albin Thomsson, a watchmaker; Carl Olson, a leatherworker; and Carl G. Johanson, a wireworker. By 1920, the building was owned by Krestna Backlin. Tenants included John Juksta, Daniel Maacik, and Tony Barkovskas, occupations unknown; Michael Mitchell, a laborer; Joseph Palomis, a sider; Jan Dagelis, a cook; and Michal Dagelis, a baker. By 1930, the Dagelis family owned the house, and Jan (John) Dagelis, employed as a counterman, lived here. Tenants in 1930 included Benjamin Zicius, a patenter; Adam Zicius, a laborer; Josep Palomis; Frank Tankes, a machinist; George Slarinskas, a cutter; Julius Grubliauskas, a wireworker; and Anthony Roman, an operator.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1908, 1912, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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52. McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker
Substantive Review for Keeper Beth L. Savage 02-08-90
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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 NAME: McGuinness, Patrick, Three-Decker

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

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: 89002439

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

___count ___resource type

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
___UTMs ___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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PATRICK MCGUINNESS THREE DECKER
25 SUFFIELD STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC #1617



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

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