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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1660

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.

Town WorcesterAddress 38 Plantation StreetHistoric Name Morris LevensonThree-DeckerUse: ^h Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1920Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Early 20th century, urban,
multi-family residential; on a
street of three-deckers.

Recorded by Montine JordanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981UTM REFERENCE 19/270490/4681430USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Morris Levenson Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an unusually ornate example of the eastward spread of suburban, ethnic, multi-family subdivisions into the Plantation Street area in the second decade of the 20th century. It is also a remarkably well-preserved Colonial Revival style three-decker with an elaborate array of details. The Levinson 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, 38 Plantation Street is a remarkably well-preserved example and one of the most elaborately detailed Colonial Revival style three-deckers in the Plantation Street area. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with wide cut shingle bands between the stories. The house has a hip roof with an asymmetrically placed front gable pediment that contains a semi-circular light. Heavy modillion blocks decorate the roof cornice overhang. The asymmetrical main facade contains an entry bay flanked by a bay window. The entry bay contains an unusually wide three-tier porch which extends partially across the adjacent window on the second and third stories, and which on the first story extends across the facade to an attached pavillion. The porch is supported by Doric columns, which on the second and third tiers rise to shingle-covered arches. Other porch details include balustrades and modillion blocks in the first floor portico cornice. Window sash is 1/1 with floral pattern stained glass lights in the front window bay.

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

The Levenson Three-Decker was built ca. 1920 as part of a major eastward extension of three-decker suburb development in the second and third decades of the 20th century, a phase of local subdivision that created a modest, ethnically mixed, multi-family neighborhood. The first known owner of 38 Plantation Street was Morris Levenson, a clothing merchant, who lived here. Tenants included Walter Brennan, a bookkeeper; and Frank Malboeuf, a leather worker at Graton and Knight Leather Belt Company. By 1930, the house was owned by Felix Shimkus, a chef downtown, who also lived here. Other residents included Walter Shimkus, also a chef; Martha Stanina, a shipper; Jennie Stanina, a bookkeeper; and John Lemanski, a pharmacist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

41. Johnson, Paul, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

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44. Larson, Swan, Three-Decker

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Melanie Byers 2/9/90

45. Levenson, Morris, Three-Decker

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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*46. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (80 Dewey St.) *for* KeeperEntered in the
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National Register Attest*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*50. Mark, John, Three-Decker Substantive Review *for* Keeper

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Beth A. Sawyer 02-09-90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Levenson, Morris, 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: 89002446

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 _____

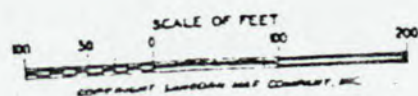


Worcester Tree Deck MRA
MORRIS LEVENSON THREE DECKER
38 PLANTATION STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC #1660





Morris Levenson Three-Decker
38 Plantation Street, Worcester
MHC # 1660



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

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