

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

1843

Town Worcester

Address 570 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Helen Dodge Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1912

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Eclectic Queen Anne 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 Early 20th century, urban

multi-family residential

neighborhood; in a row of three-

deckers facing a park.

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization for MHC

Date December 1988

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.

UTM REFERENCE 19/267210/4682820

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

## **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Helen Dodge Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an unusual example of fashionable, middle-class three-decker housing built at a parkside location on the city's high status West Side. It is also a notably well-preserved and well-detailed example of eclectic, early 20th century local three-decker design. The Dodge 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, 570 Pleasant Street is the best preserved example of a group of ornate three-deckers built opposite Elm Park in the early 20th century. Eclectic in design, the house is unusually complex in its massing. The main facade features an end bay entry with a three tier porch with semi-circular, arched openings on the first and second stories, and solid brackets in the rectangular third tier opening. The porch is flanked by a three-story projecting square window bay. More unusual is a second, large, square three-story bay window that projects at an angle from the corner opposite the entry. A third, angled bay window projects from the side wall. A small front gable dormer and a side shed dormer add to the complexity of the building's form. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with shingle bands between the stories. Many of the bay windows have geometric pattern lights.

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

Built ca. 1912, the Dodge Three-Decker was part of the most westward extension of three-decker development into Worcester's fashionable, high-status West Side residential district. Part of a group of stylish three-deckers built along the Pleasant Street electric streetcar corridor in the early 20th century, the house attracted a distinctly middle-class, white-collar group of residents. The first known owner of the house was Helen Dodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dodge resided here in 1912. Tenants in that year included Mrs. Lucy Harrington and Eva Harrington. By 1920 the house was owned by Frank Butler, a (real estate?) agent, who also owned 566 Pleasant Street and three other city buildings. Mrs. Frances Butler resided at 570 Pleasant in 1920. Other tenants in that year included Harry Thompson and Edward Warner, both clerks. In 1930, the building's owners were the heirs of Leah Brunell, who also owned a house nearby at 18 Abbott Street, as well as two parcels of land in the city. Tenants in 1930 included Harry Thompson, now employed as a manager; James McElhinney, a clerk; Nellie Mahoney, a phone operator; Minnie Wrenn, a clerk; and Shirley Warner, a compositor.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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

12/26/90

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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 Dodge, Helen, 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: 89002427

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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WORCESTER, MA  
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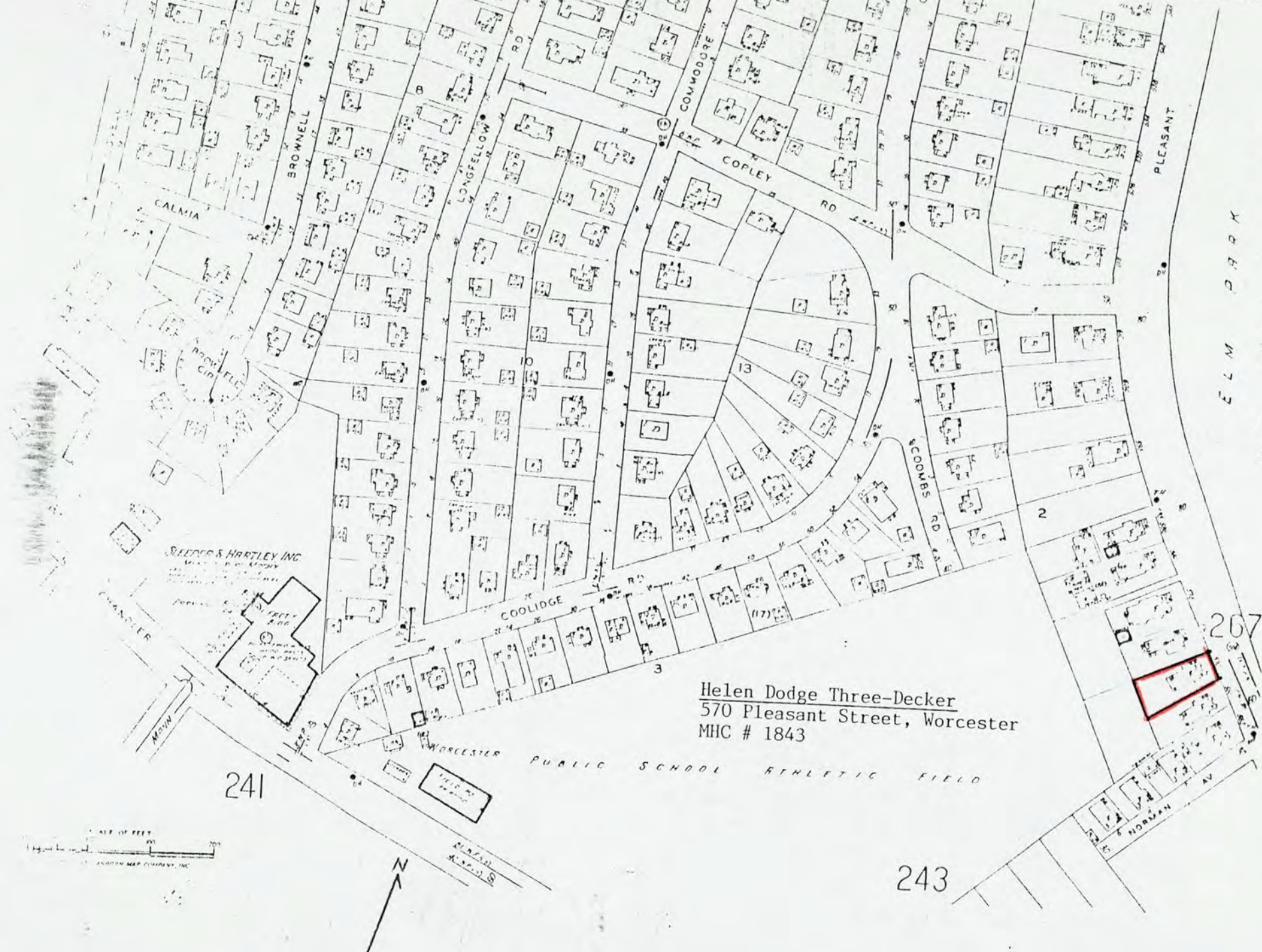
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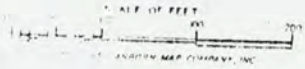
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