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FORM A - AREA

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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1720 - 1723

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116Town WorcesterName of Area (if any) Perry Avenue
Historic DistrictPresent Use residentialGeneral Date or Period ca. 1930General Condition very good to excellentAcreage .76 AcresRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black
& white) Indicate on back
of each photo street addresses
for buildings shown. Staple to
left side of form.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the
area indicating properties within it.
Number each property for which individual
inventory forms have been completed.
Label streets including route numbers, if
any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate
sheet if space here is not sufficient).

See Attached Map.

The Perry Avenue Historic District includes 4 residential buildings and one modern garage. Its boundaries follow the historic subdivision boundaries of the four building lots of the district. To the north, the district is bounded by the rear lot lines of Seymour Street buildings. The three-deckers opposite the district on the west side of Perry Avenue date from an earlier phase of three-decker construction. These buildings, and those to the south of the district on Perry Avenue have lost their architectural integrity as a result of alterations and the application of modern siding.

Contributing/Non-contributing status

Buildings: 4C, 1NC

UTM REFERENCE A 19/269160/4680950
B 19/269130/4680870
C 19/269090/4680880
D 19/269120/4680960
USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester South
SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Perry Avenue Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative subdivision from the last phase of three-decker infill construction on the lower slopes of Vernon Hill on the city's East Side. Originally owned and occupied by Polish and Lithuanian blue-collar families, the houses of the Perry Avenue Historic District also represent a rare surviving row of unusually well-preserved three-deckers with Colonial Revival and Craftsman style details popular in the final period of local three-decker construction in the late 1920s. The Perry Avenue Historic District 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 areas within the community.

The four three-deckers of the Perry Avenue Historic District represent a remarkably intact group of well-detailed houses from the last phase of local three-decker construction. Fine examples of the eclectic Colonial Revival/Craftsman style popular in the 1920s, the houses are set atop steeply sloping front yards that enhance the vertical dimension of their forms. The row consists of two alternating pairs of designs. All the houses have gable roofs with pediments in the main facade, and wide roof cornice overhangs with regularly spaced brackets. All four also have three-story front bay windows flanked by three-tier porches, and all retain 6/1 and 4/1 sash windows. On 49 and 53 Perry Avenue the three-tier porches are recessed, are supported by paired and triple square columns, and have arched openings. The houses are clad in clapboard, with shingles on the porches and in wide bands between stories on the bay windows and along the side walls. On 51 and 55 Perry Avenue,

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.

The row of four three-deckers of the Perry Avenue Historic District represent the last phase of residential infill on the lower western slope of Vernon Hill, as well as the last era of three-decker construction in Worcester. Built ca. 1928 in a neighborhood dominated in the late 19th century by Irish families, the Perry Avenue houses were owned and primarily occupied by working-class families of Poles and Lithuanians, groups that increasingly resided on the hillslope by the 1920s. The first owner of 49 Perry Avenue was John Ringiewicz, a laborer, who resided here. Tenants included Frank Leary, a weaver; and Margaret Murphy. Thomas Magierowski, another laborer, owned 51 Perry Avenue in 1928. Occupants in that year included Anthony Sonowski and Michael Michalak, both wireworkers; and James Ormod Jr., a "physical director." The owner of 53 Perry Avenue in 1928 was Walter Szczepanik, a die fixer, who also lived here. Tenants included John Connor, a railroad platform man; and Charles Strobel, a machinist. Antoni Kisten, a wireworker, owned 55 Perry Avenue. Kisten lived nearby on South Ward Street. Residents of 55 Perry Avenue included Frank Chipas, a tailor; William Tregis, a taxi driver; John Kwiatkowski, a clinkerman at the gas works; Anthony Crul, a barber; and Isador Mikolowski, who worked for the Beacon Heating Company.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1928, 1930.

J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Worcester

Form No:

Property Name: Perry Ave. HD

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

Architectural Significance (Cont)

the three-tier porches project from the main facade, and are capped by a projecting pedimented gable. On the first story, the porches also extend the full length of the facade, and with their shingled support piers, give these houses a distinctly Craftsman appearance. The houses are clad in shingle on the main facade and clapboard on the side walls.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

DISTRICT DATA SHEET
PERRY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

<u>MAP-BLOCK-LOT</u>	<u>MHC #</u>	<u>HISTORIC NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STYLE</u>	<u>STATUS-RESOURCE</u>
5-34-27&28	1720	Ryngiewicz Three-Decker /garage	49 Perry Avenue	c1928	Col.Rev.	1-CB 1-NCB
5-34-41	1721	Magierowski Three-Decker	51 Perry Avenue	c1928	Craftsman	1-CB
5-34-42	1722	Szczepanik Three-Decker	53 Perry Avenue	c1928	Col.Rev.	1-CB
5-34-43	1723	Kisten Three-Decker	55 Perry Avenue	c1928	Craftsman	1-CB

TOTAL: 4 Contributing Buildings
 1 Noncontributing Building

12/26/89

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

61. Nelson, Christina, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

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62. O'Brien, Richard, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

63. O'Connor, James, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

64. O'Connor, James--John Trybowski Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

65. Perry Avenue Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Sarge 02-09-90

Attest

66. Petterson, Lars--Adolph Carlson Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

67. Petterson, Lars--Fred Gurney Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

68. Petterson, Lars--Silas Archer Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

69. Petterson, Lars--James--Ridley Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Attest

70. Providence Street Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

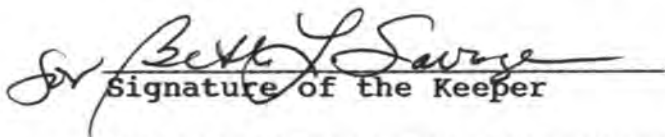
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89002367Date Listed: 02/09/90Perry Avenue Historic District
Property NameWorcester
CountyMA
StateWorcester Three-Deckers TR, Worcester MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

02-09-90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Accompanying Documentation:

The appropriate scale for the sketch map is 1"=100'.

This information was confirmed by Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Perry Avenue Historic District

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: 89002367

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER Swasey
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 02-09-90

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

 sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



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WORCESTER, MA
Worcester Three Peaks MRA





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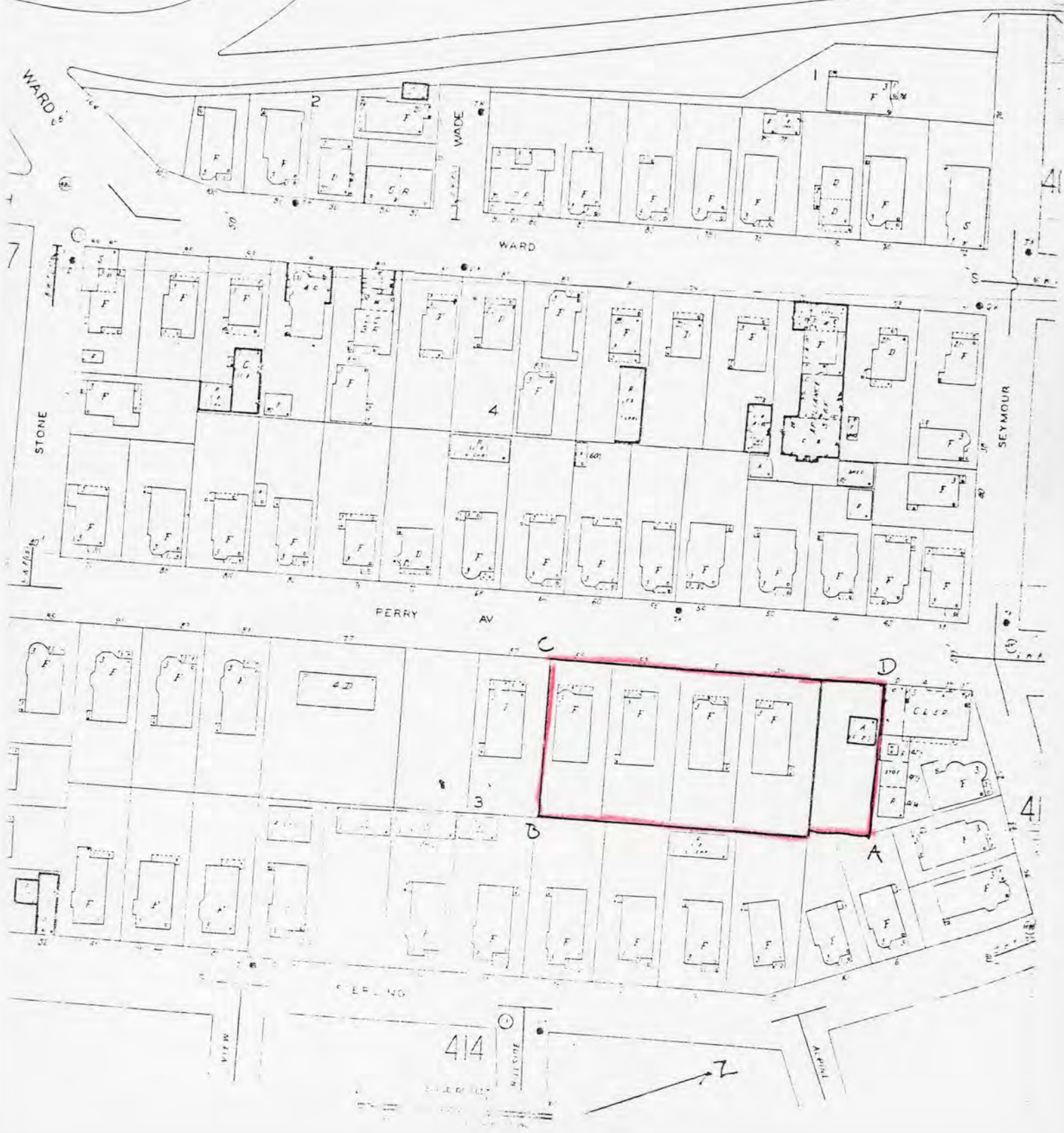
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Perry Avenue Historic District, Worcester



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305