

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

2394
AREAFORM NO.

1644

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Town WorcesterAddress 25 Canton StreetHistoric Name John Troupes
Three-DeckerUse: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1918Source 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 acreSetting Early 20th century, multi-family, residential street; in a row of three-deckers facing a park.Recorded by Montine JordanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

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 19/268730/4680990USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The John Troupes Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the development of the Island neighborhood as a multi-family, working-class residential district during the large local influx of Polish and Lithuanian families in the first decades of the 20th century. It is also an unusually well-preserved, representative example of Colonial Revival three-decker construction during this period. The Troupes 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 Canton Street is a particularly well-preserved example of the use of Colonial Revival style elements in local three-decker design in the early 20th century. The building is clad in wood clapboard, with wide shingle bands between stories. It has the characteristic side-hall plan with side-wall jog. On the asymmetrical main facade, the entry bay contains a three-tier porch, supported by Doric columns. The porch is flanked by a three-story, round bay window, a feature usually associated with earlier Queen Anne style three-deckers, but often found on later houses in this neighborhood. Windows have 2/1 sash surrounded by heavy casements with simple bracketed caps. The hip roof has regularly spaced decorative brackets in the cornice overhang.

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. 1918 in the last area of the Island neighborhood to be developed, the Troupes Three-Decker is one of a row of similar houses built on Canton Street facing Crompton Park, one of two working-class parks created by the city on the East Side in 1886. The first known owner of 25 Canton Street was John P. Troupes, who ran a billiard hall at 95 Green Street. Other residents in 1918 included Frank Cook, a laborer; and John Burke, a compositor. By the early 1920s, the formerly Irish-dominated Island district was increasingly occupied by Polish and Lithuanian families. By 1922, the house was owned by Peter Yuknavicia, a wireworker, who lived here. Other residents included Charles Kamosky, a steamfitter; Joseph Barsauskas; a cook; and Charles Krauciunas, a baker. The Yuknavicia family continued to reside at 25 Canton through 1930.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1930.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

81. Stone, Edward, Three-Decker Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 2/9/90

Attest _____

82. Troupes, John, Three-Decker Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 2/9/90

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83. View Street Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 02/09/90

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84. Wescott, John, Three-Decker Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 2/9/90

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85. Woodford Street Historic District

Keeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 2/9/90Entered in the
National Register

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86. Zemaitis, Anthony, Three-Decker Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *[Signature]**[Signature]* 2/9/90

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~~87. Holland-Towne House~~

Keeper _____

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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 Troupes, John, 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: 89002394

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

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
☐ 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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JOHN TROUPES THREE DECKER

25 CANTON STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1644



John Troupes Three-Decker
25 Canton St., Worcester
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WORCESTER MASS. No. 4

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

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