

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

CP 914, 1534, 1747, 1749-1757,
1857-1885

Town Worcester

Name of Area (if any) Euclid Avenue -
Montrose Street Historic District

Present Use residential

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.

General Date or Period 1910-1930

General Condition fair to excellent

Acreage 4.5 acres

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization for MHC

Date December 1988

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 Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street Historic District contains 40 residential buildings, 14 period and modern garages, and the sign and memorial plaque that mark Deedy Square in the center of the District. The boundaries of the District include the three-decker building lots on Euclid Avenue and Montrose Street between Vernon Street and Perry Avenue. The boundaries of the District follow the historic subdivision boundaries of these building lots. At its eastern end, the District boundaries exclude the buildings that face Vernon Street at both the Euclid Avenue and Montrose Street intersections, as well as 1 through 4 Euclid Avenue. These buildings represent an earlier phase of residential construction of houses other than three-deckers, or in the case of 2 and 4 Euclid Avenue, include buildings that have seen extensive alteration and the application of modern synthetic siding.

Contributing/non-contributing status

Buildings: 36C, 18NC
Objects: 2NC

UTM REFERENCE	A 19/269340/4680720	E 19/269040/4680700
	B 19/269300/4680660	F 19/269060/4680760
	C 19/269250/4680660	G 19/269200/4680730
	D 19/269210/4680610	
USGS QUADRANGLE	<u>Worcester South</u>	
SCALE	<u>1:25,000</u>	

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative component of the three-decker subdivisions that swept across the steep hillslope of Vernon Hill in the early decades of the 20th century, subdivisions that attracted a diverse mix of the city's ethnic, East Side population. The Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street Historic District also represents an unusually well preserved and dramatically sited grouping of some of the outstanding examples of three-decker architectural styles built during this period on Vernon Hill, particularly those of the gambrel-roof form. The Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street 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.

Built between 1910 and 1930, the three-deckers of the Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street Historic District represent well the types of Colonial Revival forms of building, particularly the gambrel-roof variants, that were popular during the last phases of major three-decker construction along the steep, western slope of Vernon Hill. Of the 40 three-deckers in the district, 18 have lost their individual integrity due to the application of modern siding. However, as a visually cohesive and interrelated grouping built on a dramatic hillside site, the district remains one of the outstanding three-decker landscapes of Worcester.

Of the 40 three-deckers in the District, 27 have gambrel roofs. The remaining 13 have gable roofs. The gambrel examples in general reflect the variety of detail incorporated in the last phases of Colonial Revival three-decker construction in the city. This is particularly evident in the three-deckers at the upper ends of Euclid Avenue and Montrose Street. These gambrel roof buildings are all characterized by asymmetrical facades with projecting, two-story porches in the entry bay, and a recessed porch opening in the gambrel face above the

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

From 1910 to 1930, one of Worcester's areas of intensive three-decker building was the steep western slope of Vernon Hill. Here houses were built on subdivisions on the streets, including View Street, Euclid Avenue, and Montrose Street, that extended downslope from Vernon Street, which runs along the hill's crest. These building sites, with their spectacular views of the city, and their modestly fashionable houses, attracted skilled blue-collar and white-collar East Side families seeking the amenities of a hillside residential location. The large, fashionable houses along Vernon Street conferred some status to the area, and electric streetcar service provided easy access to workplaces downtown and in other parts of the city. On Euclid Avenue and Montrose Street, these qualities initially drew mostly families of Irish descent, although a number of Swedish families were among the area's early residents. In 1916 at least three houses were owned by men simply employed as laborers: 13 Euclid Street was owned by Patrick McKeon; 23 Euclid Street was owned by Denis Melican; and 6 Montrose Street was owned by Timothy Scully. More homes were owned by those with skilled or supervisory jobs: Erick Ringstrom owner of 9 Euclid Street, was a carpenter; Peter Latour, owner of 3 Montrose Street, was an electrician; Edward Fitzgerald, owner of 11 Euclid Street, was a foreman; and Henry Finnegan, owner of 7 Montrose Street, was an overseer. Saloonkeeper John Gallagher, owner of 5 Euclid Street, was one of the few early owners not engaged in manufacturing or the building trades. Contractor

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Worcester	
Property Name: Euclid-Montrose HD	

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

Architectural Significance (cont)

entry bay. The two-story porches are most often flanked by projecting two-story bay windows. Sheathing is typically clapboard or shingle, with shingle bands between stories on clapboard examples, and shingling in the gambrel faces. A simple facade porch treatment is that of 8 Euclid Avenue, where the porch is supported by Tuscan columns and is decorated with geometric pattern stick balustrades. On a few examples, the first story porch extends across the main facade. On 7 Euclid Avenue this porch is supported by square paired columns. On 8 Montrose Street the porch supports are wide, squat posts spaced between arched openings. The full length porch on 3 Montrose Street features paired and triple tapered Tuscan columns. Several examples have a projecting first floor entry hood with full pediment. This feature appears on 9, 13 and 15 Euclid Avenue. The treatment of this entry type is particularly fine on 7 Montrose Street, with triple Tuscan columns and dentil banding. On 10 Euclid Avenue, the portico is supported by paired Tuscan columns, and a dentil band is also featured. Here the third floor recessed porch opening is arched, and the window bay retains floral-pattern, stained-glass panes. Semi-circular gambrel face porch openings also appear, as on 9 Euclid Avenue, where the opening also has a spindle balustrade. On 11 Montrose Street, the third floor opening is rectangular, with a keystone, stylized frieze, and balustrade.

The lower ends of Montrose Street and Euclid Avenue are characterized by gable-roof three-deckers that reflect more the stylish and structural economies that were often employed in the last era of Worcester three-decker construction. These buildings can nevertheless be quite dramatic, as are 13 Montrose Street and 12 Euclid Avenue. These both face west toward Deedy Square in the center of the District. Their sloping site emphasizes the vertical rise to their fully pedimented gables. The stories are marked by horizontal bands of 6/1 sash triple windows. More typical is the row of gable-roof houses at 20, 22 and 24 Euclid Avenue. All are shingle sided, with asymmetrical facades with three-tier entry porches flanked by curved, three-story bay windows. On all three, the gables have simple returns. On 20 Euclid Avenue, the porch features double arched openings. On 22 and 24 Euclid Avenue, semi-circular porch openings are supported by squat, paired square posts. Another gable-roof example, 18 Montrose Street, has the projecting first floor hood pediment typical of the District. Here however, the two-tier entry bay porch is flanked by triple windows with 4/1 sash, rather than a projecting bay window. The gable-roof house at 35 Euclid Avenue features a three-tier porch with Tuscan columns supporting the first story, a solid frieze with pendants on the second, and a lattice frieze set in three semi-circular arch openings on the third.

As a grouping, the three-deckers of the Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street Historic District represent a remarkable visual composite of rhythmic architectural forms. Viewed from many perspectives, from the top of Vernon Hill, from the center of the District or from across Worcester's central valley, the District presents an unusual streetscape of gambrel and gable roof forms, deeply carved porches and arched openings, and projecting bays, dormers and jogs that stand out from the surviving three-decker landscapes of the city.

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Historical Significance (cont)

Thomas Foley, who built several houses in the area, owned 10 Euclid Street, where he lived, as well as 8 Euclid Street and 11 Montrose Street. Tenants of the area in 1916 included those employed in a variety of skilled and unskilled jobs. For example, tenants of 5 Euclid Street included Thomas Degnan, a foreman; Philip Candlin, a laborer; and Thomas Dowd, a clerk. Those of 7 Euclid Street included Thomas Harlon, a claims agent; Louis Israel, a dry goods merchant; and William Brown, a policeman. Occupants of 3 Montrose Street included Thomas Kelly, a salesman; and Charles McGuinness, a policeman. Residents of 7 Montrose Street included William Fitzpatrick, a policeman; and Frederick Price, a cigar maker.

Although still predominantly Irish in 1930, residents of the area increasingly included families of Polish and Lithuanian extraction, who owned and occupied both newly built three-deckers, and those previously owned by Irish families. In 1930, wireworker Bronislaw Emko owned 23 Euclid Avenue. Leo Sulkowski, employed at a loomworks, owned 29 Euclid Avenue. Joseph Goicz, another wireworker, owned 35 Euclid Avenue. His tenants included Joseph Pisaczaka, a molder; and Fred Falk, a carpenter. Wiredrawer George Totitas owned 18 Montrose Street. Residents here included Nellie Totitas, a clerk; Anthony Bauza, a wireworker; Nellie Bauza, a bookkeeper; and Wladyslaw Stokowski, a baker. William Butkevicz, a pressman, owned 16 Montrose Street, where Maryan Zeleski, a molder, also lived.

Irish families still owned and occupied most of the area's three-deckers. Thomas Manning, a foreman, owned 12 Euclid Avenue; Joseph Tivnan, a sanitary inspector, owned 10 Euclid Avenue; Patrick O'Connor, a salesman, owned 13 Euclid Avenue; Daniel Lyons, a laborer, owned 11 Montrose Street; Patrick Cotter, a harnessmaker, owned 8 Montrose Street; gasoline dealer George Diggins owned 13 Montrose Street. The tenants of these buildings were also overwhelmingly of Irish extraction. Those of 10 Euclid Avenue, for example included Francis Kalagher, a foreman; and Peter Brady, a carpenter. Those of 12 Euclid Avenue included John Conlin, a meat merchant; and Charles Ward, a salesman. In 1930 residents of 8 Montrose Street included Mary Burke, an assistant principal; Josephine McKenna, a saleswoman; and Thomas McKenna, a motorman. Tenants of 11 Montrose Street included Thomas Looney, a helper, and Robert Meehan, a baker; Grace Meehan, a stenographer; and Mary Meehan, a clerk. Residents of 13 Montrose Street included Walter Carroll and Thomas Foley, both in the trucking business.

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DISTRICT DATA SHEET
EUCLID AVENUE - MONTROSE STREET
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>
5-42-41	1750	Gallagher Three-Decker /garage	5 Euclid Avenue	c1910	Col. Rev.*	2C-B
5-41-39	1751	Foley-Lukason Three-Decker	6 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-42-39	1752	Scannell-Grady Three-Decker	7 Euclid Avenue	c1916	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-41-38	1753	Foley-Deguitis Three-Decker /garage	8 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	2C-B
5-42-37	1754	Ringstrom Three-Decker /garage	9 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	2C-B
5-42-35	1755	Foley Three-Decker	10 Euclid Avenue	c1916	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-41-42	1756	Fitzgerald Three-Decker /garage	11 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	2C-B
5-33-43	1757	Manning Three-Decker	12 Euclid Avenue	c1928	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-42-33	1857	McKeon-O'Connor Three-Decker	13 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-41-43	1858	garage	14 Euclid Avenue	c1930		1C-B
5-41-44	914	Deedy Square/marker /memorial plaque	intersection of Euclid Ave. & Montrose Street	c1950		2NC-Obj
5-42-31	1859	Buckley Three-Decker	15 Euclid Avenue	c1918	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-42-29	1860	Anderson Three-Decker /garage	17 Euclid Avenue	c1918	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B 1C-B
5-42-27	1861	Ottoson Three-Decker	19 Euclid Avenue	c1918	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-42-25	1862	Belton Three-Decker	21 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B

EUCLID AVENUE - MONTROSE STREET
HISTORIC DISTRICT/2

<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>
5-42-47	1863	Bronislaw Three-Decker	23 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-33-53	1864	Anderson-Widzwickas Three-Decker	27 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-33-41	1865	Anderson-Sulkowski Three-Decker	29 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-33-46	1866	Kustra Three-Decker	31 Euclid Avenue	c1920	Col. Rev.	1NC-B
5-33-45	1867	McMahon Three-Decker	33 Euclid Avenue	c1922	Col. Rev.	1NC-B
5-33-44	1868		35 Euclid Avenue	c1922	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-33-43	1869	O'Sullivan Three-Decker	20 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-33-42	1870	Fallon Three-Decker	22 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-33-49	1871	Murphy Three-Decker	24 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1C-B
5-41-25	1747	Fitzgerald Three-Decker	2 Euclid Avenue	c1910	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-41-31	1749	Donaher Three-Decker	4 Euclid Avenue	c1912	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-41-1	1872		51 Sterling Street	c1918	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B
5-41-20	1534	Traynor Three-Decker /garage	2 Montrose Street	c1914	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-32	1873	Latour Three-Decker /garage	3 Montrose Street	c1914	Col. Rev.*	2C-B
5-41-29	1874	Sullivan Three-Decker /garage	4 Montrose Street	c1916	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-33	1875	O'Leary Three-Decker	5 Montrose Street	c1914	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B

EUCLID AVENUE - MONTROSE STREET
HISTORIC DISTRICT/3

<u>MAP-BLOCK-LOT</u>	<u>MCH #</u>	<u>HISITORY NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STYLE</u>	<u>STATUS - RESOURCE</u>
5-41-16	1876	Scully Three-Decker	6 Montrose Street	c1912	Col. Rev*	1C-B
5-41-34	1877	Finnegan Three-Decker /garage	7 Montrose Street	c1914	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-14	1619	Cotter Three-Decker /garage	8 Montrose Street	c1924	Col. Rev./2 Craftsman*	2C-B
5-41-12	1879	Foley-Cooney Three-Decker /garage	9 Montrose Street	c1914	Col. Rev.*	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-36	1880	Foley-Lyons Three-Decker /garage	11 Montrose Street	c1916	Col. Rev.	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-41	1882	Diggins Three-Decker	13 Montrose Street	c1930	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-41-9	1883	White Three-Decker /garage	14 Montrose Street	c1928	Col. Rev.	1NC-B 1C-B
5-41-7	1884	Butkevicz Three-Decker	16 Montrose Street	c1924	Col. Rev.	1C-B
5-41-5	1885	Totilas Three-Decker	18 Montrose Street	c1924	Col. Rev.	1C-B

*Indicates Gambrel Roof

TOTAL: 35 Contributing Buildings
17 Noncontributing Buildings
2 Noncontributing Objects

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

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| 21. Elm Street Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>Barry Savage</u> 02/09/91 |
| | | Attest | |
| 22. Erikson, Knut, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>2/9/91</u> |
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| 23. Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>2/9/91</u> |
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| 24. Fay Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>2/9/91</u> |
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| 25. Flagg, Levi, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 26. Fontaine, George, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 27. Friberg, Andrew, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 28. Giguere, Thomas, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 29. Gullberg, Evert, House -Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>2/9/91</u> |
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| 30. Hadley, Gilbert, House -Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>2/9/91</u> |
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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 Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District
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: 89002357

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
☐ 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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Euclid Avenue - Montrose Street
Historic District, Worcester

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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