

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

2444

1677

Town Worcester

Address 30 Thorne Street

Historic Name Arthur Provost Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1910

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne style Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition very good

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th and early 20th century urban, multi-family, residential street.

Recorded by Mona Domosh

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

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 19/270320/4681910

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Arthur Provost Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a part of the eastward extension of an ethnic (mostly French-Canadian), working-class, residential neighborhood from the Wall Street area in the early decades of the 20th century. It is also an unusually well-preserved, well-detailed example of only a handful of brick three-deckers built in Worcester. The Provost Three-Decker thus meet 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, 30 Thorne Street is a remarkably well-preserved example of a Queen Anne style three-decker constructed of brick, a building material rarely used in local houses of this form. The house has the locally characteristic side-hall plan and hip roof. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with a three-tier porch, flanked by a three-story bay window. Porch details include turned posts, spindle balusters, and small, scroll support brackets. Windows are 2/2 and 1/1 sash.

### **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. 1910, the Provost Three-Decker was part of an eastward extension of multi-family housing from the Wall Street area toward Plantation Street. The district was dominated by families of French-Canadian extraction, and the continued in-migration of families seeking employment resulted in its growth through the first decades of the 20th century. The first known owner of 30 Thorne Street was Arthur Provost, a bookkeeper, who resided here through the 1920s. Tenants in 1910 included Arthur Bordeu, a casketmaker; Arthur Laforce, a foreman; and Joseph Laforce, a machinist. In 1930, the building was owned by Nathan Malnikoff, a salesman, who also resided here. Tenants included Albert Gelinas, a shoemaker; and Leon Desrosiers, a cable splicer.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1910, 1920, 1930.  
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.  
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

71. Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper  
Attest

Helena Byers 2/9/90

72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper  
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Helena Byers 2/9/90

73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker

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74. Ridyard, B. E., Three-Decker

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75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker

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76. Roynane, Catharine, Three-Decker

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77. Shea, Bridget, Three-Decker

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78. Simpson, Clara, Three-Decker

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79. Smith, Ellen M., Three-Decker

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80. Stoliker, Edna, Three-Decker

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Betty Savage 02-09-90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker

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: 89002444

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 \_\_\_\_\_



Worcester Three Decker MRA

ARTHUR PRINOST THREE DECKER

30 THORNE STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1677



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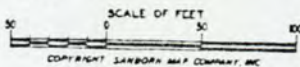
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 30 Thorne St., Worcester  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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