

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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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.

Town Worcester

Address 22 Kilby Street

Historic Name Ellen M. Smith Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1908

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting mixed urban multifamily residential
and light industrial

UTM REFERENCE 19/267670/4681230

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Mona Domosh

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

Revised by Michael Steinitz for MHC - 12/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Ellen M. Smith Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of early 20th century three-decker construction in the University Park area, during a period when employees, many of ethnic immigrant extraction, were increasingly drawn to opportunities in the area's factories. It is also one of the best-preserved, well-detailed Queen Anne style three-deckers in the University Park area. The Smith 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, 22 Kilby Street is an unusually well-preserved example of Queen Anne style three-decker construction, and serves as a visual focal point for a corridor of three-deckers that extends northeast on Beacon Street. The building has a characteristic side-hall plan, with a side-wall jog. It is clad in wood clapboard, and has a hip roof with a small gable dormer in the main facade. The asymmetrical main facade contains an entry bay with a recessed, three-tier porch, flanked by a projecting, three-story bay window. Porch details include turned posts with small, decorative support brackets, spindle balustrades, and spindle friezes. Windows contain 1/1 and 2/1 sash, and have simple crowns. Regularly spaced brackets decorate the roof 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.

Erected ca. 1908, the Smith Three-Decker was one of the last Queen Anne style three-deckers built in the University Park neighborhood. The house is part of a concentration of three-deckers built in the Beacon-Hollis-Kilby Street area, primarily to house the families of workers in the expanding industries along the nearby Boston and Albany Railroad corridor. The earliest known owner of 22 Kilby Street was Ellen M. Smith, who owned four neighboring three-deckers, only one of which, 6 Hollis Street, is still extant. By 1920, 22 Kilby Street was owned by Louis Hurwitz and Morris Ullman, proprietors of the Puritan Bottle Company, and owners of four other rental buildings in the Kilby Street area. By 1930, the house was owned by Max Greenburg, a realtor. Residents in 1908 included Roy Loud, a machinist; James Blaine, a moulder; Harry Ware, a fireman; and George Hathorne, a manager. In 1920, residents included James Default, a painter; Michael Garvey and Come Bousquet, both weavers; John Garvey, a beamer; and Edward Garvey, an auto mechanic. Tenants in 1930 included Patrick Hassett, John White, and Theodore Pinkham, all machinists; Cornelius O'Connor, a helper; and Melcon Nashanian, a loom worker; as well as Michael Garvey and James Default.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

12/26/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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

Helene Byers 2/9/90

72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

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Helene Byers 2/9/90

73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker

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National Register

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

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Helene Byers 2/9/90

75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker

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Helene Byers 2/9/90

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

Substantive Review

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Beth J. 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 Smith, Ellen M., 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: 89002409

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 _____



ELLEN M. SMITH THREE DECKER
22 KILBY STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1643

Worcester Three Decker MHA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305