

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Town WorcesterAddress 90 Lovell StreetHistoric Name Samuel Hirst Three-Decker

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

Use: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1918Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingleOutbuildings garage (non-contributing)Major Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent

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

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Urban, early 20th century, multi-family, residential street; in a row of three-deckers opposite the Columbus Park School (1918).

Recorded by John CallahanOrganization 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 19/266300/4681510USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

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

The Samuel Hirst Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the late westward edge of three-decker development in Worcester's fashionable, white-collar West Side. It is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed example of Colonial Revival three-decker design. The Hirst 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, 90 Lovell Street is the best-preserved and best-detailed example in a row of three-deckers built on Lovell Street in the second decade of the 20th century. The house is a fine example of locally popular, modest Colonial Revival three-decker design. The house has a typical side-hall plan, with a gable roof, and is clad in wood clapboard, with wood shingle bands between stories. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with a projecting three-tier porch, capped by a pedimented gable portico that projects from the pediment of the main facade gable. Porch details include paired square support posts and rail balustrades. The porch is flanked by a three-story bay window. A second bay window projects from the side wall. This is topped by a small, pedimented gable. The roof cornice is decorated by regularly spaced modillion blocks. Window sash is 1/1 and 2/2, with floral pattern stained glass in the upper lights of the front bay windows.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.**

The Hirst Three-Decker is the best-preserved example of a number of three-deckers built in the Columbus Park neighborhood in the early decades of the 20th century. The area was one of the rare extensions of multi-family, three-deckers into the city's generally single-family, high-status West Side. In general, the Lovell Street area three-deckers attracted a group of white-collar, middle class residents. In 1920, 90 Lovell Street was owned and occupied by Samuel Hirst, a timekeeper. Derrick Paine, a painter, also resided here in that year. By 1930, the house was owned by Herbert Richardson, a surgical knitter, who also lived here. Other residents included Frederick Germain, operator of a downtown elevator company; John Shaughnessy, a clerk; Edward Shaughnessy, a salesman; and Walter Shaughnessy, a laborer.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1920, 1930.  
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 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-Deckers MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- 31. Hall Charles A., Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. Hirst, Samuel, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Houghton Street Historic District **Substantive Review** Sr Keeper Betty Savage 02-09-90  
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- 34. Hunt, Daniel, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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- 35. Hunt, David, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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- 36. Ingleside Avenue Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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- 37. Ingraham, Harry B., Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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- 38. Johnson, Edwin, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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- 39. Johnson, John and Edward, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90  
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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 NAME: Hirst, Samuel, 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: 89002420

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

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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

SAMUEL HIRST THREE DECKER

90 LOWELL STREET

WORCESTER, MA

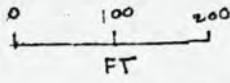
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RENTAL LAKESIDE HOUSING

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305