

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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.

AREA

FORM NO.

1836

Town WorcesterAddress 80 Fairhaven RoadHistoric Name Lars Petterson-Silas
Archer Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1920Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect possibly Lars PettersonExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Early 20th century, urban,
single- and multi-family, residential
street.Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988UTM REFERENCE 19/269670/4687650USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Lars Petterson-Silas Archer Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the suburban, multi-family, residential development that characterized the Greendale section of northern Worcester in the early 20th century, where many working-class families were drawn by employment opportunities at the nearby Norton Company and other factories. It is also an unusually well-preserved, well-detailed example of Colonial Revival three-decker design. The Petterson-Archer 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, 80 Fairhaven Road is a remarkably well-preserved and finely detailed example of local Colonial Revival style three-decker construction. The gable-roofed building is clad in wood clapboard, with wood shingle bands between stories. The asymmetrical main facade contains a recessed, three-tier porch with paired Tuscan columns. The porch is flanked by a shallow, three-story bay window. The side elevation contains a shallow, square projecting bay with triple windows, which is capped by a small, pedimented gable. The roof cornice overhang shelters both modillion blocks and dentils, and a pendant marks the bay window corner of the main facade. Stairwells and front parlor side walls have geometric pattern decorative lights. Window sash is 6/1 with simple surrounds.

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

The Greendale section of northern Worcester was subdivided in the first decades of the 20th century, and developed as a single- and multi-family residential neighborhood. It served both those employed in nearby manufacturing firms, particularly the Norton Company, and those who commuted by streetcar to employment in other parts of the city. The greatest concentration of three-deckers in the neighborhood were built in the southwest section, where the Petterson-Archer Three-Decker was built ca. 1920. The first owner of both 80 and 76 Fairhaven Road was Lars Petterson, a contractor who owned more than a dozen other buildings in the Greendale and Lincoln Street areas. Residents in 1920 included Raymond Knowles, a steamfitter; Jefferson Pierce, a foreman; and Dorothy Ramsdell, a stenographer. In the 1920s the house was owned by Silas Archer, who also lived here. Residents in 1930 included Burton White, a cost clerk for American Steel and Wire; Marsden Lewis, a sweeper for the Norton Company; and Kenneth Whitcomb, a production clerk for the Heald Machine Company.

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.

12/26/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

61. Nelson, Christina, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

62. O'Brien, Richard, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

63. O'Connor, James, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

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64. O'Connor, James--John Trybowski Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

65. Perry Avenue Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Sarge 02-09-90

Attest

66. Petterson, Lars--Adolph Carlson Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

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67. Petterson, Lars--Fred Gurney Three-Decker

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68. Petterson, Lars--Silas Archer Three-Decker

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69. Petterson, Lars--James R. Biddy Three-Decker

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70. Providence Street Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene 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: Petterson, Lars--Silas Archer 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: 89002359

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 _____



Worcester Three Decker MRA

LARS PETTERSON - SILAS ARCHER

THREE DECKER

80 FAIR HAVEN ROAD

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1636





Lars Petterson-Silas Archer Three-Decker
80 Fairhaven Road, Worcester
MHC # 1836

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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