

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

141-V

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Roll #3

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town WorcesterAddress 3 Mount Pleasant StreetName James Scofield HousePresent use residencePresent owner Arthur and Dora Langlois  
87 Moreland St.3. Description: Worcester, Mass. 01609Date ca. 1860Source city atlasesStyle Second EmpireArchitect unknownExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features quoining, low-rising  
mansard roof with concave curve,moulded window capsAltered no Date \_\_\_\_\_Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6 p.31  
Lot 28 6933 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_Approximate frontage 70'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'P. Multer6. Recorded by ed. B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Sov.Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) James Scofield (first known - 1865)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

|                       |                                     |                            |                          |                         |                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aboriginal            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Education                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/<br>settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/<br>invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Industry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/<br>humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Military                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Political                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |                          |
| Community development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                            |                          |                         |                          |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built prior to 1860, the Scofield House is an early example of Second Empire style architecture. As with other early houses of its style, the Scofield House has a square floor plan with rear ell. The building's facade is symmetrical, possessing corner quoins, an original entry porch, side-lighted entry, moulded window caps with dentils and a deep dentilled cornice. Above the cornice is a low, concavely curved mansard roof with two dormers at the facade. At present the house is unaltered.

James Scofield (1824-1871) was a native of Connecticut; from 1845 to 1849 he owned a New London newspaper which he sold upon moving to Stockton, California in 1849. Serving as collector of the port of Stockton, Scofield also sold miners' supplies and attempted to establish a newspaper there, although his printing presses were lost in shipping. Around 1855-1857 Scofield returned to the East coast and in 1865 moved to Worcester to work as an agent for the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. During his six years in Worcester before his death, Scofield developed an extensive insurance business, employing agents throughout the state. At the same time Scofield purchased large tracts of open land along Main Street South and tried to promote zoning which would have required that all new houses along Main Street be set 150' back from the street. Intending that Main Street South become a "grand avenue", Scofield succeeded in persuading some individual owners to follow this proposed restriction; however, his

(cont.)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

City atlases and directories

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. IV, p. 618 (Scofield biography)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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|                                                 |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community:<br>Worcester                         | Form No:<br>141-V |
| Property Name: James Scofield<br>House<br>House |                   |

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

9. death in 1871 brought an end to the planned development of Main Street South. Scofield also became the major force in an unsuccessful effort to re-organize the Worcester Horse Railroad Company which had been formed in 1861, but which had failed by the mid-1860s. In the late 1860s Scofield was a founder of the Worcester Safe Deposit Company.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13  
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). <sup>Down</sup> opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN  
Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10.30.79

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. <sup>DOBIE</sup>

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

- 116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
- 130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
- 102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bgs need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ BOTH TECHNICALLY AND TO DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE FORMS DID NOT CONTAIN STRONG STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE THE RESOURCE CATEGORIES WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN THE BODY OF THE NOMINATION; THEREFORE SIGNIFICANCE WAS ESTABLISHED. PBDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OTHER  
ACCEPT  
MAY 20/80  
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ALTHOUGH WAS MISSING TWO SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

HAER

- THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE  
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11  
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ <sup>am</sup> NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. <sup>BASED</sup> ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend Listing all properties <sup>now</sup> except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ <sup>to discuss further w/NR staff + State. DOBIE</sup> Return 102-L-3 to State for correction; HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demolition from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from State)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



by Barkey

Prestige Prints

JUN 1979

141-V<sup>30</sup> AUG 1979

3 Mt. Pleasant St.

Sci Field, Janney House

West + South elev.

Worcester MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304