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In Area no.	Form no.
	116-L-5

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

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

Roll 4

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

1. Town Worcester  
Address 31 William Street  
Name John Hastings Cottage  
Present use residence

Present owner Thomas P. Brown

3. Description:

Date ca. 1880

Source city atlases & directories

Style Victorian Gothic

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features gables with pierced  
aprons, bargeboards, decorated porch  
& window trim, octagonal cupola,

slate (fish scale) roof

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

UTM: 19/268430/4683040  
5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 2, p.39  
Lot 38, 3812 sq.ft.

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street  
20'

6. Recorded by S.Lee, ed. B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date February 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John E. Hastings  
 Original use residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

A fanciful and ornate cottage, the John Hastings Cottage is a rare example of its period. The house rests on an original foundation of "cast-stone" (concrete) and rises one and one-half stories to a complex hip and gable roof, covered with fish-scale slates. Rising above the roof is an octagonal cupola, one of the few left in Worcester. Other details of the house are pierced aprons in gables and dormers on all elevations, bargeboards, gabled window caps, an original entry porch with pierced brackets bay window and a panelling of strapwork around the base of the first storey. Along the property's William Street frontage is a low wall of "cast-stone" which may date from ca 1880.

The Hastings Cottage was first occupied by John Hastings, a provisioner, who owned the house into the twentieth century.

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

city atlases & directories .

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 383 + 13  
Maps 2, 63

**CONTROL**

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). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

**HISTORIAN**

Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10.30.79

Concur with Bress'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. DUBIE

**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 bays need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ <sup>Both</sup> 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. VBDS were not necessary because

**OTHER**

ACCEPT  
MacDonald  
2/28/80

of the scale maps did not clearly delineate boundaries. Evidence was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections.

**HAER**

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Review \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ 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. DUBIE</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 & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (eligibility from state)

Soldner  
3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>SEE 3/13/80 REPORT</sup>



by Bell

Prestige

JUN 1

Hastings, John, Cottage

30 AUG 1979

116-L-5

31 William St.  
Worcester MA, Ma  
East + north elevations

by Bentley

Prestige Prints

JUN 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304