

FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1259

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

Town Worcester

Address 18 Ingalls Street

Historic Name Catharine Ronayne
Three-Decker

Use: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1890

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and

Outbuildings none shingle

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th century, urban,

multi-family, residential

neighborhood.

Recorded by S.Lee/B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Worc.Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

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 19/269330/4681910

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Catharine Ronayne Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the spread of the city's Irish residential district up the northwest hillside of Grafton Hill in the late 19th century. It is also an outstanding, well-preserved example of local Queen Anne three-decker design of the 1890s. The Ronayne 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, 18 Ingalls Street is a remarkably well-preserved, unusually ornate example of early Queen Anne three-decker design, one of the outstanding buildings of the Grafton Hill area. The house has the typical hip roof, side-hall plan, and side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade features an end bay entry sheltered by a single-story porch with turned posts and unusual vine-and-wheel motif frieze with central pendant. The porch is flanked by a narrow projecting, three-story bay window sheathed by vertical boards with corner panels. A sawtooth molding band extends from the porch entablature to that of the bay window flared overhang. The main roof cornice overhang shelters paired decorative brackets and larger corner brackets. The entry has a panelled double door with rectangular stained-glass lights. Windows have 2/2 sash with particularly ornate caps featuring arched brackets and a central peak containing a bull's eye. The house is clad in wood clapboard.

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

By the last decade of the 19th century, Irish families from Worcester's inner city, ethnic residential districts were beginning to relocate to newly subdivided three-decker neighborhoods on the city's East Side hill slopes. Built ca. 1890, the Ronayne Three-Decker on Ingalls street was located within the earliest core of modestly fashionable three-deckers built on the northwest slope of Grafton Hill, an area that over the next two decades became a major local ethnic, working-class district. The first known owner of 18 Ingalls Street was Catherine Ronayne, who owned two other city buildings in 1890, and who owned this house through 1900. Tenants in 1890 included William O'Rourke, a moulder; William J. O'Rourke, a machinist; and Maurice O'Rourke, a clerk. By 1910, the house was owned and occupied by Patrick Walsh, a laborer, who lived here through 1930. Other residents in 1910 included John O'Keefe, a machinist; and Thomas Powers, a fireman. Residents in 1930 included Abraham White, a shoe worker; and Patrick Mahoney, a railroad platform man.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.
L. J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 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
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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

Melrose Byers 2/9/90

72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Melrose 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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Melrose Byers 2/9/90

75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker

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Melrose Byers 2/9/90

76. Roynane, Catharine, Three-Decker

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Melrose Byers 2/9/90

77. Shea, Bridget, Three-Decker

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Melrose Byers 2/9/90

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 NAME: Roynane, Catharine, 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: 89002397

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 _____

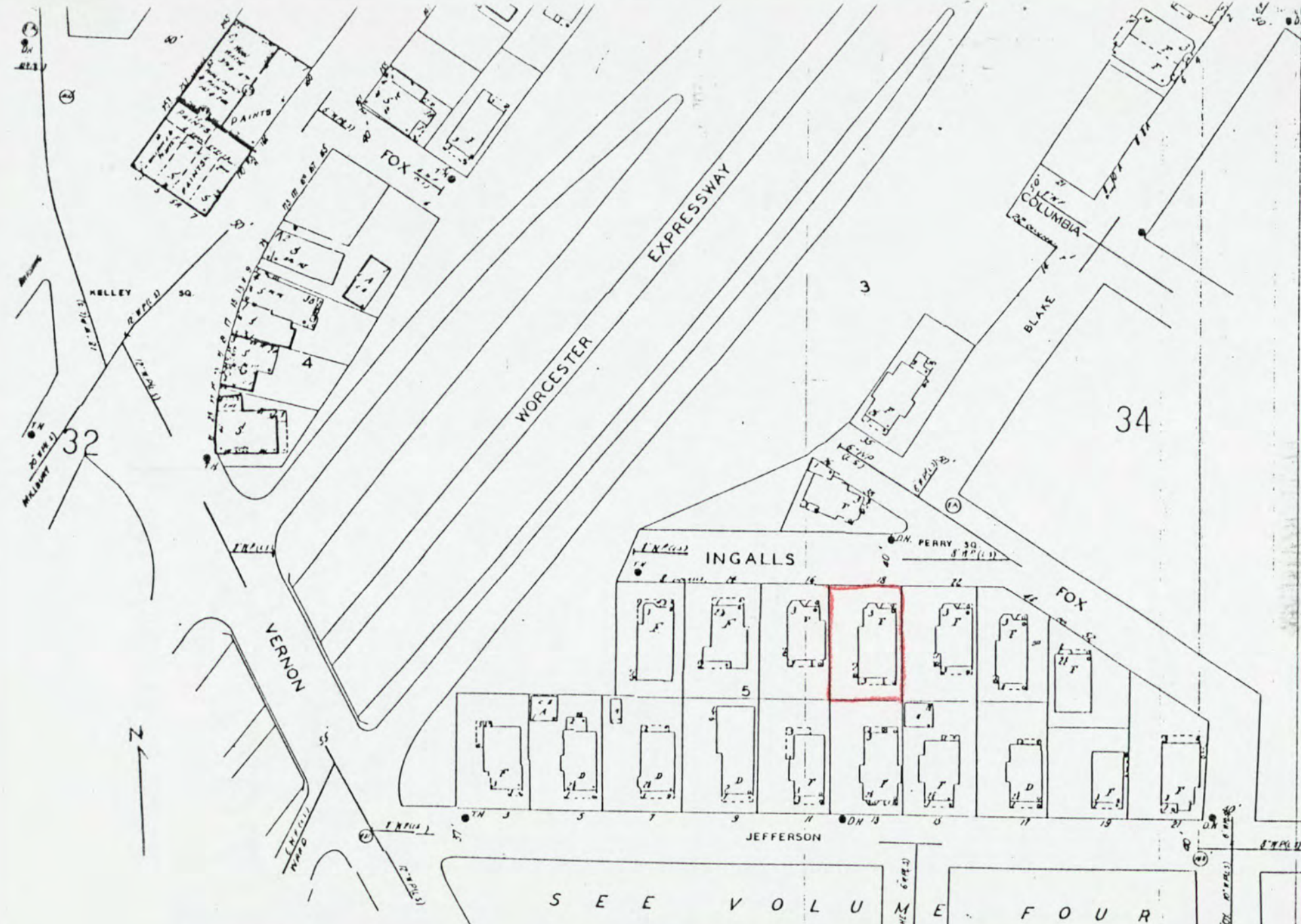
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Worcester Three Decker MRA

CATHARINE RONAYNE THREE DECKER
18 INGALLS STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1259





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MHC # 1259

SCALE OF FEET
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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