

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Town WorcesterAddress 146 Eastern AvenueHistoric Name Erick KallerThree-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1894Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and cut shingleOutbuildings none

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.

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

porch balustrade replacedCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th century, multi-family, residential street, in arow of similar three-deckersUTM REFERENCE 19/269960/4683700USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Erick Kaller Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Scandanavian, working-class, multi-family residential district that developed north of Belmont Street in the late 19th century. It is also a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed example of the early forms of Queen Anne style three-decker popular in Worcester during this period. The Kaller 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, 146 Eastern Avenue is a remarkably intact, well-detailed example of the Queen Anne style three-deckers popular locally in the 1890s. The house has the characteristic hip roof, side-hall plan, and side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade has an end bay entry with panelled double doors, sheltered by a projecting, single-story entry porch. The porch features turned posts and vine-pattern brackets. It is flanked by a three-story, projecting bay window. The house is sheathed in wood clapboard, with shingle bands on the bay window. Paired brackets decorate the roof cornice overhang, with larger brackets in the corners. Windows have bracketed caps and 2/2 sash.

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

The Kaller Three-Decker, built ca. 1894, was located in an early area of three-decker development on the hillslope north of Belmont Street, an area dominated during this period by families of Swedish, Finn-Swede and Finnish extraction. Many residents of the working-class neighborhood were employed at the nearby North Works of the Washburn and Moen Company (later American Steel and Wire), or in other local firms that employed skilled metal workers. The building at 146 Eastern Avenue was part of a row built ca. 1894. The owner through 1910 was Erick J. Kaller, a wireworker who lived here and also owned adjacent 148 Eastern Avenue. Both houses were owned by the Kaller family through the 1920s. Tenants in 1894 included Fred Gavert, a wireworker; and Carl Carlson, a patternmaker. In 1900, tenants included August Gavert, a wireworker; Oscar Nelson, a wireworker; and E.M. Peterson, a blacksmith. Tenants in 1910 included Mrs. Sophie Berg, and John Nelson, a carpenter.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1894, 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.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- 41. Johnson, Paul, Three-Decker *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
Attest _____
- 42. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (146 Eastern Ave.) *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 43. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (148 Eastern Ave.) *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 44. Larson, Swan, Three-Decker *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 45. Levenson, Morris, Three-Decker *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 46. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (80 Dewey St.) *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 47. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (44 Winfield St.) *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 48. Lundberg, Charles, Three-Decker *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 49. Magnuson, Charles, Three-Decker *Entered in the National Register* ✓ Keeper Melrose Byers 2/9/90
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- 50. Mark, John, Three-Decker **Substantive Review** ✓ *SM* Keeper Beth Savage 02-09-90
Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker

(146 Eastern)

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002411

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed

Date



ERICK KALLER THREE DECKER
1146 EASTERN AVENUE
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Frick Kaller Three-Decker
146 Eastern Ave., Worcester
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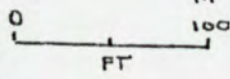
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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