

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

1324

Town Worcester

Address 8 Wyman Street

Historic Name Edward Stone Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original 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. 1888

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Stick style Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings 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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

See attached map.

Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th/early 20th century
multi-family residential street

UTM REFERENCE 19/267300/4681220

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worcester Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Edward Stone Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the earliest phase of three-decker development in the Main South area, which in the last decade of the 19th century was growing both as an area with expanding industrial employment opportunities, and as a streetcar suburb for the central city. The Stone house is also a remarkably well-preserved, and unusually detailed house, one of a handful of fine local examples of Stick style design in three-decker construction. The Stone 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, 8 Wyman Street is an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed house, one of a few outstanding examples of Stick style three-decker design in the city. The house has the characteristic three-bay, side-hall plan. It is however unusual for its cross-gable roof, in which the gables contain decorative, embellished king's post trusses, vergeboards, and scroll corner brackets. The wide eaves also shelter regularly spaced decorative brackets. The gables also contain arched windows with label molding. The outstanding feature of the house is its extremely fine, elaborately detailed porch, which extends across the first floor of the main facade. Chamfered posts, curved decorative support brackets, and geometrically patterned balustrade and frieze combine in an unusual array of Stick detail. Window openings contain 2/2 sash; the main entry retains its panelled, double-leaf door.

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

Built in 1888, the Stone Three-Decker was one of the more ornate multi-family residences built in the Main South area to be owned and occupied by skilled employees of nearby manufacturing plants, and by the growing number of white-collar workers employed in downtown businesses. By 1890 electric streetcar service along Main Street made the neighborhood a particularly accessible residential location for many of the latter. The house at 8 Wyman Street was owned and occupied from 1888 through 1930 by Edward L. Stone, a machinist. The earliest known tenants (1888) included Asaph Newcomb, a carpenter; and James Dawson, a salesman. Tenants in the 1890s included George Ward, a machinist, and L.C. Estabrook, a clerk. In 1900 residents included Herbert Searle, a superintendent; and Almon Fischer, a salesman. Lewis Scamell, a salesman, resided on the third floor from 1908 through 1930.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1888, 1890, 1896, 1900, 1920, 1928.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

12/26/90

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

81. Stone, Edward, Three-Decker Entered in the
National Register

[Signature]
Keeper

[Signature] 2/9/90

Attest _____

82. Troupes, John, Three-Decker Entered in the
National Register

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Keeper

[Signature] 2/9/90

Attest _____

83. View Street Historic District Substantive Review

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Keeper

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84. Wescott, John, Three-Decker Entered in the
National Register

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85. Woodford Street Historic District
Entered in the
National Register

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Keeper

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86. Zemaitis, Anthony, Three-Decker Entered in the
National Register

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~~87. Holland-Towne House Substantive Review~~

Keeper _____

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Stone, Edward, Three-Decker
NAME:

MULTIPLE Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
NAME:

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: 89002450

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three Decker MHA

EDWARD STONE THREE DECKER

8 WYMAN STREET

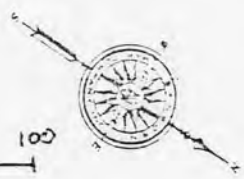
WORCESTER, MA

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ST. PETERS R.C. CHURCH

SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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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