

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	103-M-1

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

Roll 21

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 9 Earle Street
Name Bentley-Jackson Cottage
Present use residence
Present owner Henry A. and Helena J. Charron
3. Description:
Date 1849-1850
Source Worcester Deeds
Style Carpenter Gothic
Architect unknown (John Bartlett, builder)
Exterior wall fabric clapboard & shingle
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features steep gable with barge-boards, window labels, dormers with bargeboards, open porches with brackets
shingling & 2d storey
Altered of bay window Date 1880s
added
Moved no Date _____
5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p.26
Lot 9 4,844 sq.ft.
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 60'
Approximate distance of building from street 15'
6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
Date April 1979

UTM:
19/269800/4683450

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John A. Bartlett, builder

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	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)

The Bentley-Jackson Cottage is Worcester's best remaining example of Carpenter Gothic architecture. The cottage is one and one-half stories high with an attic beneath a steeply pitched roof. The house has a side-hall floor-plan and is flanked on its east and west by open porches with chamfered posts, brackets and railings of turned balusters. Except for the front door (replaced 1880s) all the Gothic features of the house are intact, including bargeboards, label mouldings and gabled dormers which are cantilevered out through the eaves. Apparent alterations of the 1880s brought about the addition of a second storey to the facade's bay window as well as the addition of decorative shingling (gable only) and the present front door and entry hood. While these additions are Queen Anne in style, they do not interfere with the building's original features and serve more as evolutionary changes than as intrusions.

Characteristic of much of the cottage building which occurred at the base of Chandler Hill in the 1840s and 1850s, the Bentley-Jackson Cottage is the area's most well-preserved survivor from its initial period of suburbanization. The lot on which the house stands was purchased by John Bartlett in June of 1849, at which time it contained no buildings. Late in May of 1850, Bartlett sold the lot and buildings to George Bentley and Daniel H. Jackson, both clerks at the office of the Superintendent of the Nashua Railroad. Bentley and Jackson were first listed at 9 Earle Street in the directory of 1851.

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

City atlases and directories

Worcester County Deeds: Book 450, p.316, 6/1/1849: Benjamin H. Goodale to John A. Bartlett. Book 465, p.221, 5/29/1850: Bartlett to Bentley and Jackson.

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

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

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. DOUBLE

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 types 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. VDS were not necessary because

OTHER

Accept
AAC/OK
2/28/80

of the scale map which clearly delineated boundaries. Pledge 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

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am not~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + State. DOUBLE

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/81

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

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

KEEPER

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

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



ONE
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LE ST

13

30 AUG 1979

103-M-1

Bottle - George, Mass

9 Earle St

Worcester, MA

South & east MA
elevation

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304