

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

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.

2432
Town Worcester

Address 11 Rodney Street

Historic Name Sarah Munroe Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1892

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and cut shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) porch

balustrade replaced - mid-20th cent.

Condition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th century, urban,
multi-family residential street

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization Clark University

Date June 1980

UTM REFERENCE 19/270110/4683650

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Sarah Munroe Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the development of an ethnic, working-class, residential neighborhood in the Belmont Street area in the late 19th century. The house is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed example of the modest forms of Queen Anne style three-decker built locally in this period. The Munroe 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, 11 Rodney Street is a well-preserved example, representative of the locally popular, early forms of Queen Anne style three-decker design. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan with side-wall jog. The hip roof has a wide cornice overhang, with paired and single decorative brackets. The asymmetrical facade has an entry bay with a double-leaf, panelled door, with ornate trim around the door lights. The entry is sheltered by a single-story portico supported by lathe-turned posts with decorative brackets. The porch is flanked by a projecting, three-story bay window. Between the first and second stories, a flared overhang skirt, clad in cut shingle, wraps around the bay and extends back to the side-wall jog. Paired decorative brackets mark the angles in the bay window under the overhang. Between the second and third stories, a narrower, less flared, cut shingle band wraps only around the bay window.

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

The Munroe Three-Decker was built ca. 1892 at the eastern end of the late 19th century subdivisions in the Belmont Street area. The neighborhood developed as a focus of working-class Swedish, Swede-Finn, and Finnish families during this period. Many residents were skilled metal workers employed by the nearby Washburn and Moen Wire Company, or by other local manufacturing firms. The first known owner of 11 Rodney Street was Mrs. Sarah V. Monroe, who lived here. Tenants in 1892 included William Farnsworth, a wire tester; Nils and Gustaf Holmes, wireworkers; and Axel Hammar, a machinist. By 1900, the house was owned and occupied by Peter Anderson, a wire worker. Other residents included John Anders, a laborer; John Anderson Jr., a wireworker; Gustaf Sundin, a machinist; and John Erickson, a helper. By 1910, the house was owned and occupied by Victor Richard, a baggageman, who lived here through the 1920s. By 1930 the house was owned by Dorius Roberts, a policeman, and Armosa Roberts, both of whom resided here. Tenants that year included Michael O'Connor, a laborer; and John Liddy, a wireworker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1892, 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.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

51. Massad, Anthony, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

Attest

52. McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Savage 02-08-90

Attest

53. McCarron, Andrew, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helene Byers 2/9/90

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54. McDermott, John B., Three-Decker

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55. McGrath, Patrick, Three-Decker

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56. McGuinness, Patrick, Three-Decker

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57. McPartland, Frank, Three-Decker

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58. McPartland, James, Three-Decker

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59. Munroe, Sarah, Three-Decker

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60. Murphy, Patrick, Three-Decker

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National Register

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Munroe, Sarah, 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: 89002432

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 _____

Date _____



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11 RODNEY STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1665

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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