

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1615

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

Town WorcesterAddress 4 Fairbanks StreetHistoric Name Ludwig AndersonThree-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1896Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Italianate Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) porch
replaced, mid-20th centuryCondition fair

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th/early 20th century
multi-family residential; adjacent
to large, open playground/park.Recorded by John CallahanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

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 19/269390/4680530USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Ludwig Anderson Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the early phase of three-decker development on the summit of Vernon Hill at the end of the 19th century, when the area attracted numerous Swedish families, and when many residents found employment in the nearby steel wire mills in South Worcester and Quinsigamond Village. The house is also a remarkably well-preserved example of modest, Italianate style three-decker design popular during this period. It 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, 4 Fairbanks Street is a remarkably well-preserved example of a simply designed, popular form of Italianate style three-decker built locally during the last decades of the 19th century. The building has the typical side-hall plan and shallow hip roof, and is clad in wood clapboard. The asymmetrical main facade contains a side entry bay. A projecting, gabled entry portico supported by paired square posts appears to be a 20th century replacement. Windows retain original 2/2 sash, with simple surrounds that feature rope molding on the caps. Regularly spaced brackets decorate the roof cornice overhang.

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

The Anderson Three-Decker is one of the earliest three-deckers on the summit of Vernon Hill, where a number of Swedish families located in the late 19th century. Many residents found employment at the Washburn and Moen South Works or in the Quinsigamond Works, both steel wire mills located nearby. Built ca. 1896, the house was first owned by Ludwig Anderson, a grocer, who also lived here. The building remained in the Anderson family through the 1930s. Tenants in 1896 included Anders Allen, a machinist; and Anton Anderson, a woodworker. Residents in 1900 included Joseph Anderson, a clerk; Peter Anderson, a wireworker; Victor Spongberg, a wireworker; and Edward Rosenblad, a machinist. Tenants in 1920 included John P. Sundin, a machinist; Francis Sharron, a chauffeur; and Louis Erickson, a toolmaker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1896, 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

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS*Worcester MRA (Worcester Three-Deckers)*
Date ListedCOVER **Substantive Review***for* Keeper

Attest

Boyd L. Savage
02-09-90

1. Ahern, Catherine, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

2. Anderson, Ludwig, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

3. Baker, Peter, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

4. Battelle, Marion, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

5. Beaver Street Historic District

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

6. Blodgett, Lydia, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

7. Bostrom, Eric, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

8. Bousquet, Henry, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

9. Carlson, Eric, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

10. Crabtree, Thomas, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Anderson, Ludwig, 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: 89002355

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 _____



Worcester Three-Decker MRA
LUDWIG ANDERSON THREE DECKER
4 FAIRBANKS STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHCH# 1615

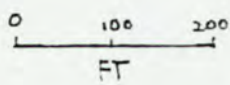




414

415

Ludwig Anderson Three-
Decker
4 Fairbanks Street,
Worcester
MHC # 1615



VERNON HILL PLAYGROUND

SWIMMING POOL

421

SCALE OF FEET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305