

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

44-A

86000513

1. Town Worcester

Address 40 Randolph Road

Name Odd Fellows' Home

Present use home for the aged

Present owner Odd Fellow's Home

3. Description:

Date 1890-92, 1902

Source Worc. Magazine

Style Victorian Institutional (element of Romanesque)

Architect Baker & Nourse (1892 + 1902)

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features central clock tower,

granite banding, sills & lintels,
brick & limestone addition with
quoining & roof balustrades

Altered entrance doors Date ca 1970

Moved addition no Date ca 1922-1938

5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 22, p.2

Lot 1, 387,331

One acre or less Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 702'

Approximate distance of building from street
70'

6. Recorded by C. DeMallie
ed. B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

Roll 18

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

UTM
19/269380/4686560

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) International Order of Odd Fellows

Original use home for the aged

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	<u>X</u>
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Surrounded by fields, the Odd Fellows' Home is one of several charitable homes for the aged and hospitals which were built in outlying sections of Worcester during the nineteenth century. The building's three and one-half storey central section with a five-story clock tower was begun in 1890 and opened in 1892. Although the grouped windows, rock-faced granite trim and other tower-details are reminiscent of Romanesque Revival design, the largest portion of the building is undecorated except for projecting brick piers and a slight corbelling at the cornice. The structure is enclosed by a slate-covered hip roof with dormers. Located on the east wall of the original building is a two and one-half storey addition built in 1902 to increase the home's capacity to 110 residents. Bearing elements of Classical Revival architecture, this addition has a symmetrical facade, trimmed with limestone quoins, an entablature and medallioned cornice. The entrance is set behind an open Tuscan porch, above which is a stone parapet.

Land for the home was donated by Thomas Dodge, a prominent Worcester inventor and patent lawyer, who gave eleven acres to the Odd Fellows' around 1890. Shortly thereafter, Dodge donated a neighboring parcel of thirteen acres to the city to insure "ample light and air" for the home. Included for nomination to the National Register are the Odd Fellows' Home, itself, and the large hilltop parcel on which it stands; neighboring property owned by the Odd Fellows but located on the opposite side of Randolph Road has not been included in this nomination, as the nominated property is

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

Engineering Record, Vol. XLV, Jan. 4, 1902, p.22 (addition).
Worc. Commercial, Vol. I, no. 2, 6/1892, p. 59 (diagram of grounds).
Worc. Magazine, 12/1909, pp. 375-376 (article).
Nutt, C. Hist. of Worc., Vol.II, p. 939.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Community:

Worcester

Form No:

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Property Name: Odd Fellows' Home

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical significance

sufficient to preserve the building's site.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

KEEPER

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



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44-A
Odd Fellows' Home
40 Randolph Rd.
Worcester MA, Ma
south elevation

MAR 5 1980

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304