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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1653

Town Worcester

Address 130 Belmont Street

Historic Name Mary Dean Three-Decker

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

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1892

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Queen Anne 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

See attached map.

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition fair

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th/early 20th century

mixed multi-family residential and commercial area on a major city street.

UTM REFERENCE 19/269790/4683540

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Mona Domosh

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Mary Dean Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of early multi-family, rental housing development on the lower slopes of Belmont Street at the edge of Worcester's downtown. It is also significant for its association with the neighborhood's ethnic immigrant communities, particularly the Armenians of the early 20th century. It is also an unusually well-preserved and ornately detailed example of early Queen Anne style double three-decker construction. The Mary Dean 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, 130 Belmont Street is a remarkably well-preserved and well-detailed example of the use of Queen Anne style elements in a double three-decker. The symmetrical facade features a central entry and projecting end window bays. The entry is decorated with a large, semi-circular transom light set in panel and sheltered by a shallow, bracketed portico. Above the entry, on the second and third stories, are paired windows of 1/1 sash, capped on the third story by semi-circular arch molding, and separated by decorative panels. Horizontal panels are also located above the third story windows. The building is clad in wood clapboard. The roof cornice overhang is decorated by regularly spaced, paired and single brackets. Windows are of 2/1 sash, with simple surrounds and caps.

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

Built ca. 1892, the Dean Three-Decker dates to the early phase of three-decker construction on the lower slopes of Belmont Street in Worcester's ethnically diverse East Side. A double three-decker built as a rental property, the house presents a stylish facade to a main thoroughfare. The building's 19th century residents included Irish, German and Swedish families, although many early 20th century tenants were Armenian or Syrian/Lebanese. Many were employed as wireworkers in the nearby North Works of Washburn and Moen. The building's owner through 1900 was Mary Dean, who also owned adjacent houses at 2, 4 and 6 Elizabeth Street; Patrick Dean, a foreman, is listed as a resident through this period. Residents in 1892 included M. Meyerhardt, an apothecary; C. Bartlett, a motorman; and G.W. Cashin and E.G. Thoren, both gunsmiths. In 1900 residents included Apet and Vartan Moonjian, both taylor's; S. Moonjian, a grocer; F. Walsh, a blacksmith; Otto Karle, a sausage maker; and M.J. McMahon, Alfred Dick, and Gustaf Nordahl, all wireworkers. Charlie Lee ran a Chinese laundry in the basement. By 1910, the building was owned by George Cohn; in 1920 it was owned by Israel Greengus, a machinist who owned two dozen rental properties throughout the city. Tenant in 1910 included Samuel Ziskira, a fruit merchant; Michael Kollajian, a shoemaker; Moses Toomasian and Steven Avedian, wireworkers; and Alexander Kazanjian, a laborer. By 1930, the house was owned by Maria Defeudis, who lived here with her husband, Dominick, a painter. Residents included Haosin Hassam and Mamoud Said, wireworkers; Maurice DelOlio, an auto painter; Leo DelOlio, a baker; and Nischan and Sadie Zartarian, clerks.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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 Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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| 11. Crystal Street Historic District | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-90 |
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| 12. Davis, Rodney, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | | |
| 13. Davis, Wesley, Three-Decker | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-90 |
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| 14. DEan, Mary, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 15. Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 16. Dodge, Helen, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 17. Doran, Thomas F., Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 18. Drew, Elvira, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 19. Duke, Philip, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 20. Dworman, David, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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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 Dean, Mary, 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: 89002390

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

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 NAA

MARY DEAN THREE DECKER

130 BELMONT STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1653



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

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