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FORM NO.

1825

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.

Town WorcesterAddress 45 Butler StreetHistoric Name Christina Nelson
Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1916Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Urban, early 20th century,
single and multi-family residential
street.Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

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 19/268950/4679380USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Christina Nelson Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the three-deckers built in the Quinsigamond Village area of Worcester, where many Swedish immigrant families were drawn by job opportunities at the Quinsigamond Works steel wire manufacturing plant. The Nelson Three-Decker is also an unusually well-preserved example of typical Colonial Revival three-decker design. The Christina Nelson 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, 45 Butler Street is a remarkably well-preserved building, representative of the modest forms of later Colonial Revival design used for local three-deckers in the early 20th century. It is perhaps the best surviving three-decker of any style in the Quinsigamond Village area of Worcester. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with wood shingle on the front porches and on bands between stories on the main facade. The house has a gable roof with a full pediment on the main facade. The house has a typical side-hall plan. The asymmetrical facade contains an entry bay with a three-story, recessed porch supported by single Tuscan columns. The porch is flanked by a shallow, three-story, curved 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.

Built ca. 1916, the Nelson Three-Decker was part of an extended building boom of three-deckers in the Quinsigamond Village area of Worcester that lasted from 1890 to 1920. This neighborhood expanded as residents, mostly Swedish immigrant families, were drawn to employment opportunities at the steel wire manufacturing facilities of the Quinsigamond Works, a major Worcester employer. The first known owner of 45 Butler Street was Mrs. Christina Nelson, a member of the household of Carl Nelson, a carpenter for the Norton Company. The Nelson family lived nearby on Keach Street. Residents of 45 Butler in 1916 included David Floodman, a toolmaker; Eric Nystrom, a wiredrawer; and John Bergeson, a machinist. Four years later, in 1920, the house was owned by Thomas Russell, a manager, who lived nearby on Ames Street on the south slope of Vernon Hill. Residents in 1920 included Joseph Hall, an engineer; Julius Petterson, a wireworker; and John Bergeson, now listed as a superintendant. By 1930, the house was owned by Bronislaw Cikota, a wiredrawer, who also lived here. Tenants included Ernest Granquist, a wireroller; Ernest Edberg, a ropemaker; and Hilding Edberg, a wireworker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1916, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1922.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

12/26/89

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

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

61. Nelson, Christina, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *Helene Byers 2/9/90*

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62. O'Brien, Richard, Three-Decker

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National RegisterKeeper *Helene Byers 2/9/90*

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63. O'Connor, James, Three-Decker

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National RegisterKeeper *Helene Byers 2/9/90*

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64. O'Connor, James--John Trybowski Three-Decker

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National RegisterKeeper *Helene Byers 2/9/90*

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65. Perry Avenue Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper *Bella L. Sarge 02-09-90*

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66. Petterson, Lars--Adolph Carlson Three-Decker

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National RegisterKeeper *Helene Byers 2/9/90*

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67. Petterson, Lars--Fred Gurney Three-Decker

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68. Petterson, Lars--Silas Archer Three-Decker

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69. Petterson, Lars--James Reidy Three-Decker

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70. Providence Street Historic District

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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: Nelson, Christina, 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: 89002391

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Tree Decks MD A

CHRISTINA NELSON THREE DECKER

45 BUTLER STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC #1825



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305