

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

1642

Town Worcester

Address 5 Mount Pleasant Street

Historic Name Albert Ridyard Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1914

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Colonial Revival Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting urban multi-family residential neighborhood

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization Clark University

Date February 1981

Revised by Michael Steinitz for NHC - 12/88

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.

UTM REFERENCE 19/267960/4681580

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Albert Ridyard Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of multi-family residential development in the Main South area in the second decade of the 20th century, a period of continued local economic growth and population expansion. It is also an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed building, typical of the more modest forms of local Colonial Revival three-decker construction during this period. The Ridyard 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, 5 Mount Pleasant Street is an unusually well-preserved example, representative of the local use of Colonial Revival style elements in early 20th century three-decker construction. The house has a shallow, hip roof, and is clad in wood clapboard, with wood shingle bands between stories. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan with a jog in one side elevation. The asymmetrical main facade contains an entry bay with a recessed, three-tier porch, flanked by a three-story bay window. Colonial Revival details include the simple Tuscan porch columns, and the regularly spaced modillion blocks set beneath the roof cornice overhang. Windows have 1/1 and 2/2 sash set in simple surrounds. Geometric stained glass is located in the upper lights of the front bay windows.

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. 1914, the Ridyard Three-Decker represents a late phase of multi-family, infill development in the residential neighborhood immediately south of downtown Worcester, an area dominated through the early decades of the 20th century by families of Irish descent. The first owner of the house was Albert Ridyard, a plumber, who resided at 9 Florence Street, and who owned more than 20 rental properties in the city. By 1920, the building was owned by Harry Marrin, a pedlar, who owned three other houses on the street. In 1924 the owner was Annie Wilson, who owned three other Worcester properties; in 1928 the owner was David Cohen, a Millbury Street grocer, who owned a half dozen other buildings in the city. None of these owners resided at 5 Mount Pleasant. Tenants in 1914 included Walter Stone, a machinist; and John Rice, Frank Dunton, and August Sanger, whose occupations are unknown. From 1916 to 1924, Walter Haskin, owner of the Nicksah Snowguard Company, resided here. In 1928, occupants included William J. Morrison, who operated a used care business.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1914, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928.
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 Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- 71. Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 74. Ridyard, B. E., Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 76. Roynane, Catharine, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 77. Shea, Bridget, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 78. Simpson, Clara, Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 79. Smith, Ellen M., Three-Decker Keeper *Melrose Byers 2/9/90*
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- 80. Stoliker, Edna, Three-Decker Keeper *Betty Savage 02-09-90*
Substantive Review Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Ridyard, Albert, 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: 89002431

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

_____ Phone _____

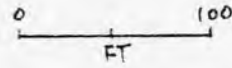
Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three Decker MRA
ALBERT RIDYARD THREE DECKER
5 MOUNT PLEASANT STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1642



Albert Ridyard Three-Decker
5 Mount Pleasant St., 59
Worcester
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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