

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

153-H

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 3 Norwood StreetName Elias Crawford HousePresent use residencePresent owner Ezequiel & Susita Vega
3 Norwood St.

3. Description:

Date ca. 1851-1860Source city atlases and mapsStyle "Octagonal Mode"Architect unknownExterior wall fabric clapboard
board and battenOutbuildings (describe) sided stableOther features octagonal front section
with surrounding porch and rear ell,
brackets, added stained glass
windowsAltered rear ell (?) Date 19th
centuryMoved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6, p. 37
Lot 13 10,882 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street

5'W. & M. Seaman6. Recorded by ed. E.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date December 1977

(over)

UTM
19/267430/468400

7. Original owner (if known) Elias B. Crawford
Original use residence
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☐				

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

The Elias Crawford House is a two-storey frame house of octagonal plan, with a service wing on its south and west sides. Extending around the building's first storey is an open porch supported by chamfered wooden posts with brackets. The house's fenestration is irregular. The building is enclosed by a hipped roof with open eaves and pendant brackets. Alterations to the house include double front doors and some stained glass (ca.1890). Immediately southwest of the house is a nineteenth-century stable, perhaps original.

Built prior to 1860, the Elias Crawford Octagonal House is one of only two octagonal houses in Worcester. Although the house is shown on an undated map of Worcester (identified as 1860), no owner's name is given until the 1870 city atlas which notes the house as belonging to Elias B. Crawford, a cotton manufacturer (later a woolen manufacturer). As Crawford is first listed at the house around 1870, it seems certain that the house was built for an earlier owner whose name is not presently known. Although a brief biography of Elias B. Crawford is printed in Charles Nutt's History of Worcester, the information suggests that it may have been the father (?) of the Crawford who owned #3 Norwood Street. From the 1880s until 1932, the house was the home of Charles Johnson, a local attorney.

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

Carruth, Louise. Old Worcester Houses (unpublished scrapbooks at the Worcester Public Library) photo.
Worcester Evening Gazette, January 1, 1932. (Johnson obituary)
Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. III, pp. 234-235 (Elias B. Crawford biography)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified, & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Concur with Bmes' comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. **ARCHEOLOGIST**

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bps need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ **BOTH** TECHNICALLY AND TO DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE FORMS DID NOT CONTAIN STRONG STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE THE RESOURCE CATEGORIES WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN THE BODY OF THE NOMINATION; THEREFORE SIGNIFICANCE WAS ESTABLISHED. VBDs WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OTHER

ACCEPT
M. C. D. H. S.
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ALREDGE WAS MISSING DO SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD - 11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DEFER~~ ^{am not} CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend ^{now} Listing all properties ~~except~~ these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + State. DUBIE

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/81

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

S. D. L. H.
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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Crawford, Elias, House

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Worcester MRA, MA

3 Howard St

East elevations



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153 - H

Upham, Elias, 1st flr

3 Howard St.

Worcester, MA, MA

East elevation

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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