

AREA

1832

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 148 Eastern AvenueHistoric Name Erick KallerThree-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1894Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard andOutbuildings none cut shingleMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th century, multi-family, residential street, in a row of similar three-deckers.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 19/269970/4683730USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Erick Kaller Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Scandanavian, working-class, multi-family residential district that developed north of Belmont Street in the late 19th century. It is also a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed example of the early forms of Queen Anne style three-decker popular in Worcester during this period. The Kaller 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, 148 Eastern Avenue is a remarkably intact, well-detailed example of the Queen Anne style three-deckers popular in Worcester in the 1890s. The house has the characteristic hip roof, side-hall plan, and side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade has an end bay entry sheltered by a projecting, single-story porch. The porch features turned posts, a spindle frieze, and solid decorative brackets. The porch is flanked by a projecting, three-story bay window, with flared skirts clad in shingle between stories. The house is clad in wood clapboard. Regularly spaced brackets are located in the cornice overhang, and the corners are decorated with unusually large, gear-like brackets. Windows have 2/2 sash with heavily bracketed caps.

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

The Kaller Three-Decker, built ca. 1894, was located in an early area of three-decker development on the hillslope north of Belmont Street, an area dominated during this period by families of Swedish, Finn-Swede and Finnish extraction. Many residents of the working-class neighborhood were employed at the nearby North Works of the Washburn and Moen Company (later American Steel and Wire), or in other local firms that employed skilled metal workers. The building at 148 Eastern Avenue was part of a row built ca. 1894. The owner through 1910 was Erick J. Kaller, a wireworker who lived in the adjacent house at 146 Eastern Avenue, which he also owned. The Kaller family owned these two three-deckers through the 1920s. Tenants of 148 Eastern Avenue in 1894 included Charles Svenson, a foreman; August Kaller, a wireworker; and Axel Svenson, a clerk. Residents in 1900 included August Westom, a grocer; August Kaller; and Axel Svenson. In 1908, occupants included August Gafvert, a wireworker; H.S. Svenson, a wallpaper hanger; and Walfred Forsberg, a machinist. In 1920 tenants included Mrs Johanna Kaller; Emilia Larson; and paper hanger Walfred Forsberg. Ten years later, Mrs. Kaller and Walfred Forsberg were still residents, together with Mrs. Elizabeth Ekwall, and Werner Glasberg.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
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12/24/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

41. Johnson, Paul, Three-Decker

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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*42. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (146 Eastern Ave.) *for* Keeper
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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*43. Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker (148 Eastern Ave.) *for* Keeper
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Melanie Byers 2/9/90

44. Larson, Swan, Three-Decker

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45. Levenson, Morris, Three-Decker

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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*46. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (80 Dewey St.) *for* Keeper
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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*47. Lumb, Thomas, Three-Decker (44 Winfield St.) *for* Keeper
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48. Lundberg, Charles, Three-Decker

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49. Magnuson, Charles, Three-Decker

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*Melanie Byers 2/9/90*50. Mark, John, Three-Decker Substantive Review *for* Keeper

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Beth A. Savage 02-09-90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Kaller, Erick, Three-Decker

148 Eastern

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: 89002413

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



ERICK KALLER THREE-DECKER
148 EASTERN AVENUE
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1832

Worcester Three Decker MHC

Erick Kaller Three-Decker
148 Eastern Ave., Worcester, MHC # 1832
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HOOPER

EASTERN

E KENDALL

CATHARINE

RODNEY

BELMONT

MERRIFIELD

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

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