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FORM A - AREA

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

Town WorcesterName of Area (if any) Fay StreetHistoric DistrictPresent Use residentialGeneral Date or Period ca. 1896General Condition very goodAcreage .25 AcresRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black
& white) Indicate on back
of each photo street addresses
for buildings shown. Staple to
left side of form.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the
area indicating properties within it.
Number each property for which individual
inventory forms have been completed.
Label streets including route numbers, if
any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate
sheet if space here is not sufficient).

SEE ATTACHED MAP

The Fay Street Historic District includes two residential buildings and
a modern garage. Its boundaries follow the historic property boundaries
of the subdivision lot on which the houses were built. The district is
bounded on the north, south and west by vacant lots, and on the east by
the abutting rear lot lines of Wall Street houses.

Contributing/Non-contributing Status

Buildings: 2C, 1NC

UTM REFERENCE 19/270030/4681860USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North
SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Fay Street Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It is significant as a representative example of late 19th century three-decker construction in the Wall Street area, a neighborhood that housed Irish, French-Canadian, and later, Syrian employees of nearby factories, as well as those who worked in the Franklin Street railyard and its warehouse district. The houses of the Fay Street Historic District also represent an unusually well-preserved pair of Queen Anne style three deckers typical of the Grafton Hill area, and among the best surviving examples from the late 19th century in the neighborhood. The Fay Street Historic District 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 areas within the community.

The two three-deckers of the Fay Street Historic District are remarkably well-preserved examples of the Queen Anne form of three-decker design popular locally in the last decade of the 19th century. Both were built ca. 1896, and are quite similar in plan and form. Both have hip roofs and side-hall plans. The asymmetrical main facades each have end-bay entries sheltered by single-story, projecting porches, flanked by a three-story, projecting bay window. The porches are supported by turned posts, and have heavy, solid decorative brackets and open balustrades. The houses are clad in wood clapboard, with shingle bands between stories on the front and side bays. Both retain 2/2 sash windows with simple surrounds. On 4 Fay Street, the roof cornice overhang shelters regularly-spaced, decorative brackets, with large corner brackets with pendants on the side bay window roof projection. On 6 Fay Street the cornice overhang shelters large, paired brackets in the corners.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.

The Fay Street area was built up in the last decade of the 19th century as part of the northward extension of three-decker development north of Grafton Street to the Wall Street area. Here, blue-collar residents found work at the nearby Graton and Knight Company, makers of leather drive belts, and in the railyards, warehouses and meat packing plants concentrated along the Franklin Street and Shrewsbury Street axes. The Wall Street area was initially one of mixed Irish and French-Canadian immigrant families. By the early 20th century it was also the focus of the city's Syrian and Lebanese communities. The two three-deckers of the Fay Street Historic District, 4 and 6 Fay Street, were probably built by James A. McDermott, a general contractor, who owned the two houses, along with half a dozen other local properties, through 1910. By 1920, both houses were owned by Andrew Skibauski, a foreman at a pork packing plant, who lived at 4 Fay Street. A decade later, the two houses were owned by Isa Kal'il and Joseph MaKoul, pedlars, who lived at 4 Fay Street. The earliest known residents (1896) of 4 Fay Street included A.D. Bosworth, a cabinetmaker; George Doolittle, a brakeman; Charles Dodge, an engineer; John Ryan, a tallyman; and James Quirk, a laborer. Occupants in 1910 included John Dolan, a policeman; Louis Farber, a leatherworker; and Jacob Danielson, a pressman. Tenants in 1920 included Anthony Kislakus; and William Russell, a foreman at Boston Pressed Metal. A decade later tenants included Naif Rizkalla, who had a barber shop nearby at 130 Grafton

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L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Worcester	Form No:
Property Name: Fay Street HD	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Historical Significance (cont)

Street. The earliest known residents of 6 Fay Street included H.P. McCourt, a blacksmith; John Leonard, a tanner; Peter Reynolds, a currier; and Amos Conery, an engineer. In 1910, occupants included Joseph Ouellette and Thomas Traynor, both carpenters; and Frederick Brown, a brakeman. In 1920, tenants included John Fox, a driver for the Worcester Cold Storage Company; Edward Powers, a laborer for the sewer department; and John Donahue, a car inspector. Residents in 1930 included Donahue; George Haddad, a pedlar; and William Berry, a leatherworker.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

DISTRICT DATA SHEET
FAY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

<u>MAP-BLOCK-LOT</u>	<u>MHC #</u>	<u>HISTORIC NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STYLE</u>	<u>STATUS-RESOURCE</u>
4-13-13	1886	McDermott Three-Decker /garage	4 Fay Street	c1896	Queen Anne	1C-B 1NC-B
4-13-23	1887	McDermott Three-Decker	6 Fay Street	c1896	Queen Anne	1C-B

TOTAL: 2 Contributing Buildings
 1 Noncontributing Building

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

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

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| 21. Elm Street Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> | <u>Barry Savage</u> 02/09/91 |
| | | Attest | |
| 22. Erikson, Knut, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 23. Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 24. Fay Street Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 25. Flagg, Levi, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 26. Fontaine, George, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 27. Friberg, Andrew, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 28. Giguere, Thomas, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
| | | Attest | |
| 29. Gullberg, Evert, House -Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
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| 30. Hadley, Gilbert, House -Decker | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>William Byers</u> 2/9/91 | |
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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 Fay Street Historic District
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: 89002372

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



FAY STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
WORCESTER, MA
Worcester Three-Deckers MRA





Fay Street Historic District Worcester

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SEE VOLUME FOUR

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305