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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

1645

Town WorcesterAddress 23 Endicott StreetHistoric Name James O'Connor Three-  
DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1906Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and  
shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition fair

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th/early 20th centuryurban, multi-family, residentialstreet; in a row of three-deckersoverlooking Crompton Park.Recorded by Montine JordanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

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 19/268680/4681230USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The James O'Connor Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the ethnic, working-class, multi-family Island neighborhood, particularly with the three-decker district that developed around Crompton Park. It is also a remarkably well-preserved and well-detailed example of Queen Anne style three-decker design. The O'Connor 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, 23 Endicott Street is an unusually well-preserved and finely detailed example of the last forms of Queen Anne style three-decker built in the city. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan with a side-wall jog. It has a hip roof, and is clad in wood clapboard, with wide, wood shingle bands that wrap around the front bay window and extend rearward to the side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with an ornate, three-tier porch, which features lathe-turned posts, cut decorative brackets, and spindle friezes and balustrades. The porch is flanked by a shallow, rounded bay window. Windows have 2/1 and 1/1 sash; windows and front entries have simple, bracketed caps. Evenly spaced decorative brackets are located in the roof cornice overhang.

## 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. 1906, the O'Connor Three-Decker was part of the early 20th century development of the Island neighborhood, an ethnic, working-class, multi-family residential district located on the low-lying floodplain to the south of downtown Worcester. Many of the area's Irish and Swedish (and later Polish and Lithuanian) residents found employment in nearby factories, many of which were located just to the north and west by the junction of three regional railroad lines. The O'Connor house was built as part of a row of three-deckers overlooking Crompton Park, one of two working-class parks created in the ethnic East Side by the city in 1886. The first owner of 23 Endicott Street was James O'Connor, a gasfitter, who lived here. Tenants in 1906 included Peter Bergstrom and Gustaf Johnson, blacksmiths; Andrew Carlson and William Person, woodworkers; and Fritz Larson, a machinist. O'Connor still owned and occupied 23 Endicott in 1920, and the Peter Bergstrom family still resided here. The other tenants that year were the family of Thomas Walsh. By 1930, the house was owned and occupied by Stanislaw Dusak, a laborer. Tenants in that year included Stanislaus Jaiszenski, a molder; and William Izbicki, a laborer.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1906, 1910, 1920, 1930.  
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1911, 1922.  
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National 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 Register

Keeper Helene Byers 2/2/90

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62. O'Brien, Richard, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90

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63. O'Connor, James, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90

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

Entered in the  
National Register

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65. Perry Avenue Historic District Substantive Review

Keeper Bella L. Sange 02-09-90

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

Entered in the  
National Register

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

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National Register

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

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

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70. Providence Street Historic District

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National Register

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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 O'Connor, James, Three-Decker  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Worcester Three-Deckers MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002419

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

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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 Three Decker MRA

JAMES O'CONNOR THREE DECKER

23 ENDICOTT STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1645





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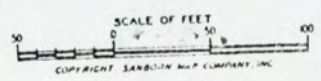
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James O'Connor Three-Decker  
21 Endicott Street, Worcester  
MHC # 1645

C R O M P T O N P A R K



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

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