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FORM B -- BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1620

Town Worcester

Address 7 Maxwell Street

Historic Name Philip Duke Three-Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Italianate Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings 2 sheds

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Urban, 19th century, multi-family, residential street.

Recorded by John Callahan

Organization Clark University

Date 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 19/268990/4680050

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester South

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Philip Duke Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative building from the earliest phase of three-decker construction on the southern slope of Vernon Hill, an Irish and Swedish, working-class neighborhood, where many residents were employed in nearby steel mills in South Worcester and Quinsigamond Village. The house is also a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed example of the Italianate style of three-decker construction popular locally in the late 19th century. The Duke Three-Decker thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Architecturally, 7 Maxwell Street is an unusually well-preserved and well-detailed house that retains many features characteristic of Italianate three-decker design in Worcester. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan. It is sheathed in wood clapboard and has a hip roof. The three-bay, asymmetrical main facade has a side-bay entry of double-leaf, panelled doors. A single-story porch extends across the facade, and features turned posts with bulls-eye ornament, decorative brackets, and an open balustrade. Evenly spaced, decorative, paired brackets are located in the roof cornice overhang. Windows have 2/2 sash with simple surrounds and rope molding on the window caps on the main facade.

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. 1888 on the southern slope of Vernon Hill, the Duke house is one of the earliest surviving three-deckers in a neighborhood of working-class residences which were mostly owned and occupied by Irish and Swedish families. Many occupants were employed by the nearby Washburn and Moen South Works or by the Quinsigamond Works, both steel wire mills. From 1888 to the 1920s, 7 Maxwell Street was owned and occupied by Philip Duke, a laborer, or by his son, Philip F. Duke, a machinist. The earliest known tenants, in 1888, included Patrick McDonough, John Mattimore, William Rogers, John Gallagher, and John Minns, all laborers; Oscar Lindquist and C.F. Bergstrom, wiredrawers; and F. Nilson, a wire drawer. In 1900, residents included John and Edward Feeley, Patrick Mahar, and Nils Fallstrom, all wireworkers. By 1930, 7 Maxwell was owned by John Shea, a craneman. Tenants included Raymond Shankel, a wireworker, and Albert Murphy, a chauffer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1888, 1890, 1900, 1912, 1920, 1930.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

12/26/90

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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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 NAME: Duke, Philip, 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: 89002425

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

PHILIP DUKE THREE DECKER

7 MAXWELL STREET

WORCESTER, MA

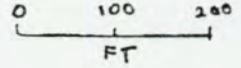
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7 Maxwell Street, Worcester
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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