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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town WorcesterAddress 17 Pond StreetHistoric Name James McPartland
Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne style Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) porch
rebuilt, early 20th centuryCondition fair; some trim lost; two
windows enclosed

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting mixed urban multi-family,
residential, commercial, and light
industrial area; in a row of late
19th century three-deckers.Recorded by Montine JordanOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

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 19/269230/4681910USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The James McPartland Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a rare, surviving representative residence in the Green Street neighborhood, one of the original core areas of Worcester's East Side Irish community. It is also the best preserved three-decker in this area, a very early Queen Anne style example notable for its fine details. The McPartland 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, 17 Pond Street is an unusual survival, and a remarkably well-detailed house, representative of the earliest forms of Queen Anne style three-decker built on Worcester's East Side. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan with side-wall jog, and a hip roof with unusually ornate, decorative brackets and paired corner brackets in the cornice overhang. The house is clad in wood clapboard and shingle. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay with a double-leaf panelled door. A three-tier porch supported by square posts appears to be an early 20th century replacement. The porch is flanked by a projecting, three-story bay window. Windows have 1/1 and 2/2 sash, with 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 McPartland Three-Decker was built ca. 1888 in the established Irish, working-class neighborhood that was located along the Green Street corridor, at the edge of downtown Worcester. Well developed as a multi-family residential area by the mid-19th century, the Green Street area was also an early focus of three-decker construction. The earliest known owner of 17 Pond Street was James McPartland, a (leather?) cutter, who in 1890 lived at 21 Pond Street. From 1900 to 1920, McPartland did reside at 17 Pond Street. During this period Catharine McPartland was listed as the owner of both 17 and 21 Pond Street. In the 1920s, the owner was listed as Mrs. Catharine Halpine, who also resided here. Residents of the house in 1888 included Robert Lauder, a hackman; Michael Kelly, a laborer; and Patrick Kelly and R.H. Baker, both machinists. Tenants in 1912 included Andrew Coskie, a boot and shoe maker; John Armstrong, a fireman; and Thomas Armstrong and Austin Grady, both laborers. Tenants in 1920 included Richard Talbot, a machinist; and John Walsh, a clerk.

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.

J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

51. Massad, Anthony, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register ✓
Keeper

Helena Byers 2/9/90

Attest

52. McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker

Substantive Review

✓
Keeper

Beth L. Savage 02-08
90

Attest

53. McCarron, Andrew, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register ✓
Keeper

Helena Byers 2/9/90

Attest

54. McDermott, John B., Three-Decker

Entered in the
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55. McGrath, Patrick, Three-Decker

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56. McGuinness, Patrick, Three-Decker

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57. McPartland, Frank, Three-Decker

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58. McPartland, James, Three-Decker

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59. Munroe, Sarah, Three-Decker

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60. Murphy, Patrick, Three-Decker

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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: McPartland, James, 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: 89002428

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 _____



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JAMES McPARTLAND THREE DECKER
17 POND STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC # 1700



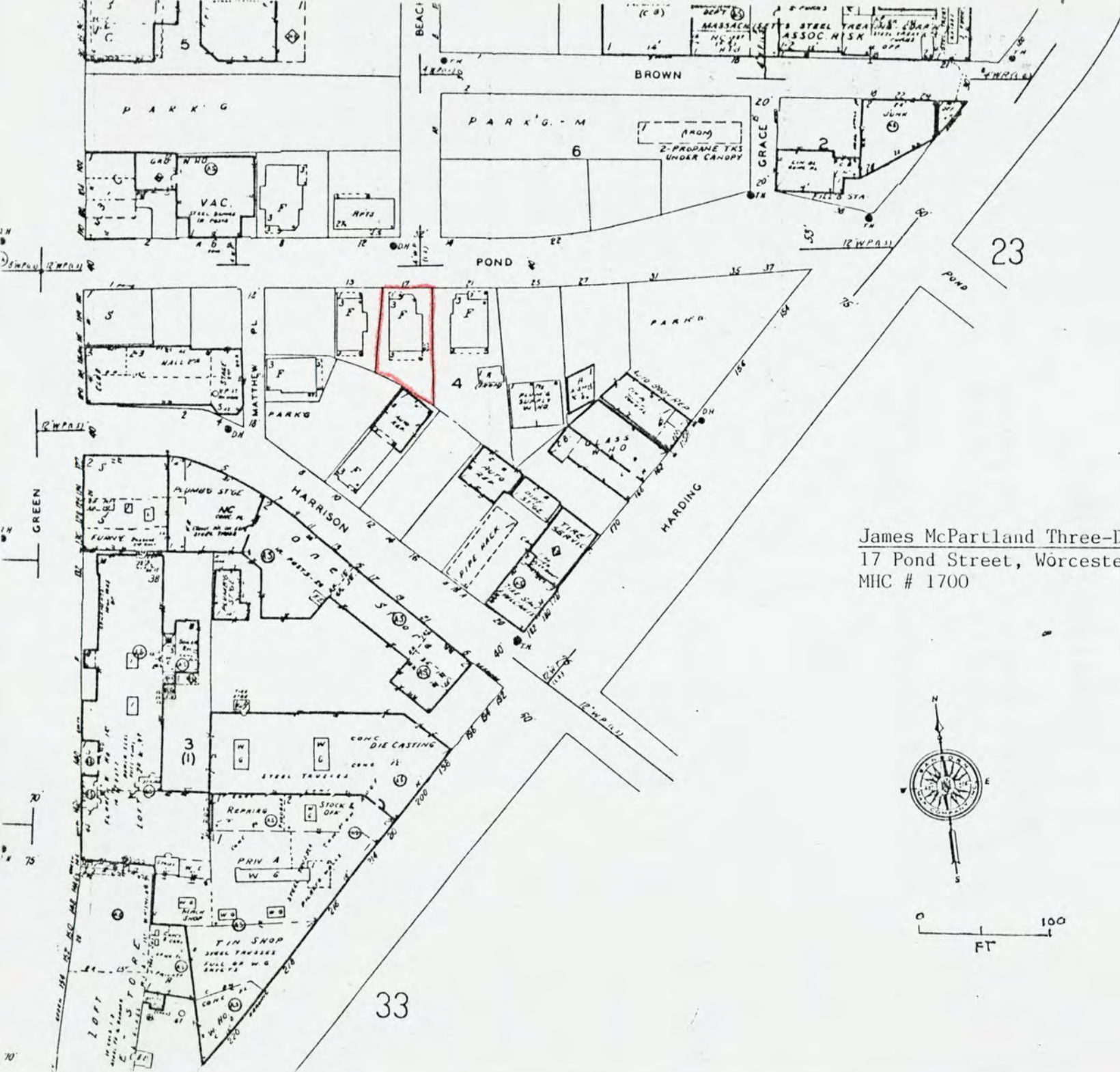
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 17 Pond Street, Worcester
 MHC # 1700



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

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