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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 13 Preston StreetHistoric Name Marion Battelle Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1896Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne style Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and cut shingleOutbuildings garageMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th/early 20th century urban multi-family residential streetRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization Clark UniversityDate May 1980

Revised by Michael Steinitz for MHC - 12/88

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 19/268090/4682100USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Marion Battelle Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative multi-family residence from the working class, ethnic neighborhood that developed in the Piedmont area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is also a remarkably well-preserved, and unusually well-detailed example of Queen Anne style three-decker construction from this period. The Battelle 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, 13 Preston Street is an unusually well-preserved and finely-detailed example of the use of Queen Anne style elements in local three-deckers. The house has a typical side-hall plan, and is clad in wood clapboard and several types of cut shingle. The hip roof contains a small gable dormer that is centered over the main facade. Roof cornice overhangs are unusually wide, and contain regularly spaced, decorative brackets. The asymmetrical main facade has an entry bay containing a three-tier porch. The porch is supported by turned posts, with geometric pattern balustrades and friezes. Flanking the porch is the building's outstanding feature: a massive, round, turret-like bay window clad in alternate bands of patterned cut shingle that create an unusually complex set of surface textures. A second, angled window bay projects from the building's side wall. Windows are 1/1 sash with simple surrounds, and those on the side walls have 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.

Located in the largely Irish and French-Canadian, working class neighborhood southwest of downtown, the Battelle Three-Decker was built ca. 1896 as part of a concentration of three-deckers built in the Jacques Avenue-Preston Street area in the 1890s. The first owner of 13 Preston was Mrs. Marion Batelle, who resided here through 1920. By 1930, the house was owned and occupied by Robert Power, a policeman. Earliest known tenants (1896) included Patrick Connell, a harnessmaker; and Mary Connell, a bookkeeper. Tenants in 1900 included George and Eli Nichols, machinists; and John Prior, a clerk. In 1910, they included Maude Ames, a stenographer; Fred Ames, a policeman; and Henry Prior, an ironworker.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS*Worcester MRA (Worcester Three-Deckers)*
Date ListedCOVER **Substantive Review***for* Keeper

Attest

Boyd L. Savage
02-08-90

1. Ahern, Catherine, Three-Decker

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 2/9/90

2. Anderson, Ludwig, Three-Decker

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3. Baker, Peter, Three-Decker

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4. Battelle, Marion, Three-Decker

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5. Beaver Street Historic District

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6. Blodgett, Lydia, Three-Decker

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7. Bostrom, Eric, Three-Decker

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8. Bousquet, Henry, Three-Decker

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9. Carlson, Eric, Three-Decker

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10. Crabtree, Thomas, 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: Battelle, Marion, 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: 89002429

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 _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three Decker Mkt
MARION BATTELLE THREE DECKER
13 PRESTON STREET
WORCESTER, MA
MHC #1533



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13 Preston St., Worcester
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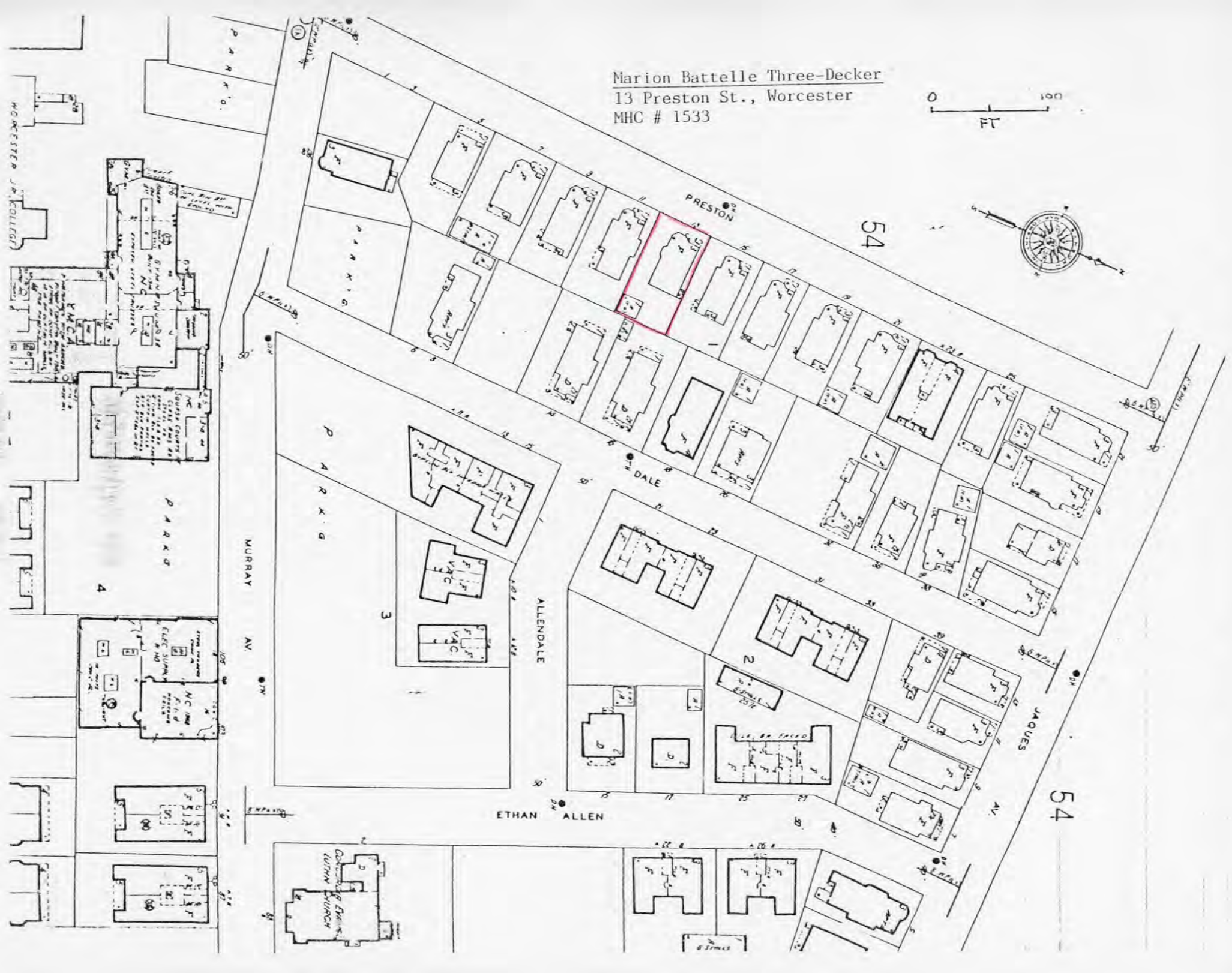
JACQUES

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MURRAY AV.

CORINETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORCESTER J. COLLEGE



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

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