

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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| In Area no. | Form no. |
| | 103-H |

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 21

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Worcester

Address 25 Catherine Street

Name Jesse Moore House

Present use nursing home

Present owner George H. Gross
119 May Street, Worc. 01602

3. Description:

Date ca. 1890

Source city atlases & directories

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric granite & shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none significant

Other features rust-colored granite 1st
storey, porches, turrets, varied sash,
oval windows, granite wall at sidewalk

Altered not
significantly Date _____

Moved no Date _____

UTM: 19/269735/4683935

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p.12
Lot 10 26,299 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 150'

Approximate distance of building from street

35'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization WHPS

Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jesse Moore

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates hospital (post-1925); nursing home (present)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/ invention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/ humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Community development | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Jesse Moore House, under construction in 1890 and occupied in 1891, is a superb local example of Queen Anne style architecture, one which also contains elements of Shingle Style design. The house is of asymmetrical plan rising from a basement and first storey of rock-faced granite, laid in a broken course, to a second storey of frame construction, covered with shingles. The building's complex roof is slate-covered. The house's facade (south) has a large, three-storey octagonal tower at its southwest corner and a small octagonal tower at its southeast corner. Extending along the facade is an open porch, above which is a recessed porch at the second storey, between the towers. Both the house's east and west elevations carry the same decorative elements as the facade, including terra cotta tiles, varied (decorative) sash, dormers and porches. The Moore House is unaltered except for the addition of a fire escape on its west elevation.

Although the architect of the house is currently unknown, two possible attributions for its design exist. First, Moore's son Frank is listed as an architect living in this house in 1892; it is unknown if Moore worked in the office of a local architect or if he had a practice of his own. Second, the "residence of Mr. George Heywood", shown in an 1898 catalogue of buildings designed by Barker & Nourse, resembles the Moore House in many details, suggesting that the two houses share the same architect.

Jesse Moore, about whom nothing is known, first moved to #25 Catherine Street around 1861 when the Draper Ruggles House (see Form 103-G) stood on this lot. Around 1889 Moore had the Ruggles House moved westward on the lot to its present site and construction was begun on Moore's new house. The Moore House remained in the Moore family until 1925 when it was purchased by the Louis Pasteur Hospital

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, (below) early maps, etc.) Association and converted to a hospital for the city's large French-Canadian population.

city atlases, directories and house directories

Worcester Historical Society. Organization file (Louis Pasteur Hospital)

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13
Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description or statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified, & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. DOUBLE

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bldg need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. VBDs were not necessary because

OTHER
ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Pledge was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are:
✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

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Inventory _____
Review _____

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~do not~~ ^{am not} convinced about boundaries but believe they could be OK. ~~aged~~ on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend listing all properties ^{now} except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + state. DOUBLE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; DOUBLE
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



by Berkeley



JUN 1979

30 AUG 1979

103-H
25 Catharine St.
near Jesse House
West + south
elevations
Worcester MRA, Ma

by Berkeley



JUN 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304