

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
	143-J

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

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

Exp. 8A Roll 25

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

1. Town Worcester
 Address 53 Waverly Street
 Name Arad Alexander House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Kazimir and Teofile Simulynas

3. Description:
 Date ca.1845
 Source exterior architecture
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features temple front, Corinthian columns & pilasters, egg & dart and tongue & dart mouldings, window hood with console
 Altered siding Date mid-20th century
 Moved yes Date 1867-1868

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 4, p.25
 Lot 29 7,358 sq.ft.
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 50'
 Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date December 1977

(over)

UTM
19/269640/4681830

7. Original owner (if known) Arad Alexander - first known - 1868
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

The Alexander House is one of the most elaborately decorated examples of Greek Revival architecture in Worcester. The house is a two-storey frame structure set on a rock-faced granite foundation. The building's side-hall (three-bay) facade is masked by a temple front consisting of four Corinthian columns, supporting a pediment framed by an entablature and cornice with modillions. Exceptionally fine are the house's carved details; i.e., Corinthian capitals on columns and corner pilasters, tongue and dart mouldings, acanthus modillions, window hoods on consoles and a Corinthian entry; these elaborate details are suggestive of the work of Elias Carter, architect/builder, although at present no connection between Carter and the Alexander House is known to exist.

The early history of the Alexander House is unknown, as the house was moved to its present site in 1867-1868 for Arad Alexander, a "truckman" and owner of the firm of Alexander & Martin. Examination of maps and photographs of the surrounding area have not revealed the building's original location or its original owner; however, it is likely that the house was one of many moved from downtown Worcester in the 1850s and 1860s as the commercial district expanded into former residential neighborhoods. Alterations to ^{the} house consist of a new front door and wooden shingling, neither of which interferes with the building's important features.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

City atlases and directories

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-dickers). ^{Owner} 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. DOBIE

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 bps 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
ALEST
ALC/DJL
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Accuracy was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections.

HAER

The only properties that I do not recommend listing are

Inventory _____
Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ ^{am} not convinced about boundaries BUT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ^{BASED} ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Recommend listing all ^{now} properties ~~except~~ ^{except} these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{to discuss further} w/NR staff + State. DOBIE
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; ^{3/5/80}
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state DOBIE

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 (listing from state)

Spedha
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____ ^{SEE 3/3/80 REPORT}



Alexander, Arad, House

143-J

Worcester, MA, Ma

53 Waverley St.

South elevation

AUG 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304