

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
	153-A

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1. Town Worcester
Name of area (if any) Woodland Street
National Register District
3. General date or period ca. 1868-1904
4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? no (mixed Victorian)
in condition? no (poor to excellent)
in type of ownership? yes (private)
in use? no (residential & university)

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

Area straddles maps 152 and 153 on which it is labelled 152-A and 153-A respectively.

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6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
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Date March 1978

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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Description:

The Woodland Street District contains 19 buildings located on both sides of Woodland Street (east and west) between Oberlin and Charlotte Streets (see maps 152 and 153 submitted with Worcester Multiple Resource National Register Nomination). Properties included within the district are shown in Worcester Assessors' Book 6, pages 37 (Lots 10, 16, 17 & 26) 41 (Lots 1, 7-14 inclusive, 17 & 18), and 42 (lots 2, 4, 20A & 21). Boundaries have been selected to include a section of Woodland Street that retains a group of Victorian houses that are largely unaltered and reflect the various periods during which the street was developed. Buildings included in the area are:

Street #	1st Owner (occupation)	Date
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Description

Hawthorne St. (corner Woodland St.)

11	John H. Orr (not given)	1900-1902
	Colonial Revival--(2½ storey, hip roof, pilasters, splayed lintels, Palladian window)	
12	Irving Comins (not given)	ca. 1900
	Colonial Revival--(2½ storey, hip roof, Ionic porch, fanlight entry, Palladian window, oriel)	

Loudon St. (corner Woodland St.)

11	Frank Heath (not given)	ca. 1904
	Colonial Revival--(2½ storey, hip roof, Ionic porches, Palladian window with shell motif, 2nd storey fanlight, stained glass)	
24	Homer Caldwell (foreman)	ca. 1888
	Queen Anne--(frame 2-storey "two decker" porch with turnings, bay window, stained glass)	

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

city atlases & directories
bldg. notices - see attached property list.

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Norwood Street (corn. Woodland St.)

- 10 J. F. Warren (not given) 1892-1893
Queen Anne--J. B. Woodworth, arch't--2-storey, gable roof,
decorative shingling, 1st and 2nd storey porches

Woodland Street

- 105 Charles Kirby (not given) ca. 1870
Italianate--(2½ storey, gable roof, arched windows, pedimented
dormers, Queen Anne alterations ca. 1900
- corner All Souls' Universalist Church 1891
Norwood Queen Anne--Arthur Gray, arch't--(high gable, tower, porches
St. with turnings, decorative shingling, stained glass
- 143 Andrew Schofield (machinist) ca. 1868
Second Empire--(2½ storey, side-hall pilasters, moulded
window caps
- 104 J. E. Drury ca. 1869
Second Empire--2½ storey, mansard roof, paired brackets,
symmetrical facade--altered
- 106 Edgar Reed ca. 1894
Queen Anne--John P. Kingston, archt?--2½ storey, corner
tower, 1st and 2nd storey porches, decorative shingling
- 110 Henry T. Farrar ("agent") ca. 1877
Victorian Gothic--2½ storey, gables with pierced aprons,
porch with brackets and pierced railing, panelled bay
window
- 114 Wade H. Hill (envelope 1881
manufacturer)
Victorian Gothic--Barker & Nourse, arch'ts--2½ storey,
hip roof, jurkinhead gables with iron finials, altered
by siding
- 118 Henry G. Taft (S. Taft & Son) ca. 1868
Second Empire--2½ storey, mansard roof, pilasters, eared
window frames, arched dormers
- 124 George Session (undertaker) ca. 1890
Queen Anne--2½ storey, hip roof, corner tower, eyebrow
dormer, altered by siding
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- 126 William Brason (machinist) ca. 1870
Second Empire--2½ storey, side-hall paired brackets,
original porch, slate-covered mansard roof.
- 130 George C. Bryant ca. 1898
Queen Anne--2½ storey, corner tower with turret, granite
stoop, porch with original railing, fanlight entry
- 134 Sumner Wallace (silver plater) ca. 1870
Second Empire--(2½ storey, side-hall, panelled cornice,
paired brakcets, Queen Anne porch (ca. 1900)
- 138 J. E. Dickson ca. 1894
Queen Anne--2 storey, hip roof, circular-plan tower with
turret, Ionic porch
- 140 John R. Hill (National Mfg. Co.) ca. 1876
Victorian Gothic--2½ storey; "L" plan, original porch,
gable aprons with trefoils

Significance:

The Woodland Street District contains a mixture of well-preserved Victorian houses and preserves a pattern of development which characterized many of the Victorian residential neighborhoods around Main Street South. The first development of this section of Woodland Street began in the late 1860s. Between 1868 and 1881 seven houses were built on the west side of the street, most of them constructed on double houselots. Although some development of the street's east side took place, few buildings on this side of the street pre-date 1890. Among the most architecturally interesting houses from this first period of development is the John Hill House, 140 Woodland. First occupied in 1876 by John Hill, owner of the National Manufacturing Company, this house has an unusual "L" floor plan with the main entry of the house located at the junction of the two wings and set at a 45 degree angle to both wings. Virtually unaltered, the Hill House retains gable aprons, decorated window caps, and a fine, original front porch. In addition to the John Hill House, the Henry Farrar House, 110 Woodland Street (ca. 1877) and the Wade Hill House, 114 Woodland Street (1881) are good examples of local Victorian Gothic architecture, particularly the former which remains nearly unaltered. Also built in the street's first wave of development were a number of Second Empire style houses, of which the Henry Taft House, 118 Woodland Street (ca. 1868) is the best example, although slightly altered.

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By the 1890s, Woodland Street, which had been on the city's outer fringe in the 1860s and 1870s, was completely surrounded by residential neighborhoods. The pressure of increasing population and apparent rising land values led to the area's more dense redevelopment. Between Loudon and Hawthorne Streets the "Slater Estate" was demolished and the land subdivided into smaller house-lots. On the west side of Woodland Street all of the original double lots were subdivided and new houses constructed on what had been the side yards of the earlier houses. Notable buildings from this period of development (ca. 1890-1905) include All Souls' Universalist Church, ca. 1891, a Queen Anne style wood frame church building; 130 Woodland Street, a Queen Anne style house; and 138 Woodland Street, an ornate building of mixed Colonial Revival and Queen Anne style architecture. The Frank Heath House (ca. 1904) at the south corner of Woodland and Loudon Streets is an especially fine example of Colonial Revival style architecture, with a nearly square floor plan with a high hip roof, a porch across its facade and another on its west wall. The house is richly decorated with Colonial Revival style details including Palladian windows framed by Ionic columns and set out from the main body of the building. Many of the details of the Heath House are reminiscent of the William Inman House of 1897-1898 at 7 Oak Street (see individual form) which was designed by George Clemence.

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<u>Address</u>	<u>Assessors' Data</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>
<u>Woodland Street</u>		
105	Book 6, p. 37 Lot 10--6,288 sq. ft.	Raymond E. Meola 144 Hosmer St. West Boylston, Mass. 01583
cor. Norwood St.	Book 6, p. 37 Lot 17--11,180 sq. ft.	Trustees of Clark University Clark University 950 Main Street Worcester, Mass. 01610
143	Book 6, p. 42 Lot 4r-2,800 sq. ft.	Jan A. Michalaki & Eugenia Baniukiewicz
104	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 1--7,209 sq. ft.	David Limric 40 Grove St. Wellesley, Mass. 02181
106	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 17--10,112 sq. ft.	Thomas F.J. Dillon 776 Main St. Worcester, Mass. 01610
110	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 18--15,337 sq. ft.	Community Resources, Inc. 6 Claremont St. Worcester, Mass. 01610
114	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 7--8,802 sq. ft.	Trustees of Clark University Clark University 950 Main Street Worcester, Mass. 01610
118	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 8--15,061 sq. ft.	Universal Estate, Inc. 390 Main Street Worcester, Mass. 01608
124	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 9--9,028 sq. ft.	Norman Smith & F. Shirley
126	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 10--7,500 sq. ft.	Maud A. Weise

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130	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 11--12,187 sq. ft.	Thomas F.J. Dillon 776 Main St. Worcester, Mass. 01610
134	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 12--5,579 sq. ft.	Thomas P. & Pauline Boyle
138	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 13--7,716 sq. ft.	Shyam S. Sharma
140	Book 6, p. 41 Lot 14--5,847 sq. ft.	M. Elizabeth Howes

Hawthorne Street

11	Book 6, p. 42 Lot 2--5,515 sq. ft.	Trustees of Clark University Clark University 950 Main Street Worcester, Mass. 01610
12	Book 6, p. 42 Lot 21--12,000 sq. ft.	same

Loudon Street

11	Book 6, p. 42 Lot 20A--7,300 sq. ft.	same
24	Book 6, p. 37 Lot 16--8,237 sq. ft.	Thomas F. J. Dillon 776 Main Street Worcester, Mass. 01610

Norwood Street

10	Book 6, p. 37 Lot 26--4,554 sq. ft.	Irene C. Gignilliat
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Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

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143 Woodland St. ⁽⁴¹⁾
Worcester Hills, MA
West elevation



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130 Woodland St.

Worcester MA. MA

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Worcester ARA, MA
East elevation



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11 Hawthorne

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West elevation

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

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