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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1838

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

Town Worcester
Address 12 Imperial Road
Historic Name Louis Delsignore
Three-Decker
Use: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1916
Source Worcester House Directory
Style _____
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric stucco
Outbuildings garage

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.

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Early 20th century, urban,
multi-family, residential
neighborhood; located opposite a
period public school.

UTM REFERENCE 19/270950/4683450

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization for MHC

Date December 1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Louis Delsignore Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Italian-immigrant, working-class, multi-family residential community that extended eastward along the Shrewsbury Street corridor in the early 20th century. It is also the only local example of a fully stucco-finished three-decker, unusual for its window bays and for the decorative moldings on its porch openings. The Delsignore 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, 12 Imperial Road is an unusual example of local masonry three-decker construction, the only Worcester example of a three-decker with its full exterior wall surface finished in stucco. The house has the typical side-hall plan. The asymmetrical main facade has an end entry bay that contains a three-tier porch. The porch openings on each story have unusual arches with hood molds, and on the first story, a central keystone. The porch is flanked by a shallow, curved, three-story bay window. A second, curved bay window projects from the side wall. Windows are single and paired, and have 6/1 sash.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Built ca. 1916, the Delsignore Three-Decker was part of the northeast expansion of Worcester's Italian ethnic community along the Shrewsbury Street axis in the first decades of the 20th century. The first known owner of 12 Imperial Street was Louis Delsignore, a mason, who may have been responsible for the building's stucco exterior finish. In 1920, the house was owned by Joseph Demarco, a Shrewsbury Street real estate broker, who owned half a dozen other neighborhood properties at that time. By 1930 however, the house was again owned, and occupied by Louis Delsignore. Tenants of the house in 1916 included Joseph Nicoletti and Joseph D'Angelo, both laborers. Residents in 1920 included Pasquale Lombardo, a molder; Guglielmo Cristiani, a bricklayer; and Battista Simoncini, a laborer. Besides Delsignore, residents in 1930 included Roxie Charamella, a fruit dealer; and Pasquale Soloperto, a barber.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1916, 1920, 1930.

L. J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1922.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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| 11. Crystal Street Historic District | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-90 |
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| 12. Davis, Rodney, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | | |
| 13. Davis, Wesley, Three-Decker | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Savage | 02-09-90 |
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| 14. DEan, Mary, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | | |
| 15. Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
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| 16. Dodge, Helen, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
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| 17. Doran, Thomas F., Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 18. Drew, Elvira, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 19. Duke, Philip, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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| 20. Dworman, David, Three-Decker | Entered in the
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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 Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker
NAME:

MULTIPLE Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
NAME:

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: 89002396

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 _____

Date _____



Worcester Three Decker MA
LOUIS DELSIGNORE THREE DECKER
12 IMPERIAL ROAD
WORCESTER, MA
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305