

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

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

1. Town WorcesterAddress 41 Fruit StreetName Harris-Merrick HousePresent use residentialPresent owner Angelo Scola4. Description: 4 Waterman Road
Auburn, Ma. 01501Date ca. 1832-1844Source Albert Waite PapersStyle Greek RevivalArchitect unknownExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features side-hall plan, corner
pilasters, original door, floor-to-
ceiling windowsfront porch
Altered rebuilt Date 1970sfrom Chestnut
Moved Street Date 1874UTM: 5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 2, p. 40
Lot 75 x 7016 sq. ft.
One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 70'Approximate distance of building from street
20'6. Recorded by B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date April 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Clarendon Harris (?) or Pliny Merrick
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates two-family residence (late 19th and 20th centuries)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	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 Harris-Merrick House is a two-storey, side-hall plan Gothic Revival style house. The building's corners are trimmed with pilasters which contain cimple wooden frets. At the facade are floor-to-ceiling windows (1st storey) and an original entry with side lights. Alterations to the house are limited to the re-building of its porch with a modern stone base and fluted columns (replacements).

The Harris-Merrick House is one of the earliest houses remaining from the initial development of the west side of Worcester, which began in the early 1830s when Governor Levi Lincoln subdivided a tract of land known as the Sever Farm. Originally built at #11 Chestnut Street, this house stood among a large number of Greek Revival style houses designed by Elias Carter for the city's leading lawyers and merchants of the 1830s. The Harris-Merrick House was either built for Clarendon Harris, a book seller and first secretary of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, who bought the Chestnut Street lot in 1832, or for Pliny Merrick, a judge and one of the city's most prominent attorneys, who owned the property by 1844. Merrick's own home stood immediately south of the Harris-Merrick House's original lot, and had been designed for Merrick by Elias Carter in 1831. Between 1845 and 1847, the house was owned and occupied by Frederick W. Gale, an attorney. In 1857 the house was sold to Henry Clarke, a physician, who occupied it until 1874, when planning to build a large stone house on the Chestnut Street lot, he sold the structure to Edward W. Lincoln, who moved the house to its present site. At the time of its move, the

(cont.)

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

Albert Waite Papers, Box 4

Forbes, Harritte. "Elias Carter, Architect of Worcester, Mass." in Old Time New England, vol. XI, no.2, Oct. 1920, pp. 65-66.

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Harris-Merrick House was the only house in the vicinity of Fruit Street, then an open tract which Lincoln was planning to develop. Once on its new site, the building was converted to a two-family house. In the late 1870s Lincoln began active development of the surrounding area, building a number of rental houses (known as Lincoln Terrace - see Form 116-L) south of the Harris-Merrick House. At present the Harris-Merrick House retains most of its original Greek Revival style features and has associations to two stages of the city's westward residential expansion of the nineteenth century.

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 & 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). Owner opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN

Call/Accept
Lightner
10.30.79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

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

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

ACCEPT
MURDOGH
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. ACREAGE WAS MISSING
on some properties but IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory _____

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11

Review _____

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DETERMINED~~ ^{was} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGMENT.

Recommend ^{now} Listing all properties 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;
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 & claims from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (letting fruit from State)

S. Edger
3/5/80

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Re-submit



Prestige Prints
by Berkeley
JUN 1979

30 AUG 1979

130-L-35

41 Fruit St

Harris - Motick House
Worcester MRA, Ma

South & east elevations

Prestige Prints
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JUN 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304