

2430

AREA

1844

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town WorcesterAddress 159 Providence StreetHistoric Name David Dworman
Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1926Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle CraftsmanArchitect Dworman Building CompanyExterior Wall Fabric Wood clapboard andOutbuildings garage shingleMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition Excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Early 20th century, urban,multi-family, residentialneighborhood, facing a playground.Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

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.

UTM REFERENCE 19/269670/4680510USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The David Dworman Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Jewish, middle-class, multi-family residential district that developed along Providence Street in the Vernon Hill highlands in the 1920s, and particularly for its association with the Dworman family, which appears to have developed much of the area. It is also a well-preserved example of a particularly fine execution of a Craftsman style three-decker. The Dworman 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, 159 Providence Street is a remarkably well-detailed and well-detailed example of the use Craftsman style elements in the last era of local three-decker design. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan. The hip roof has a central projecting front dormer with a triple window. The asymmetrical facade has a recessed porch supported by squat square posts, and has abbreviated central balustrade rails. The porch is flanked on each story by a four window ribbon. On the side wall, a shallow, three-story, projecting square bay has triple windows on each story, and is capped by a pedimented gable with a diamond stained-glass light. Windows have 6/1 sash with simple surrounds. The house is clad in wide wood clapboard on the first story and wood shingle on the second and third stories.

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

By the third decade of the 20th century, three-decker suburb development was extending further south along Providence Street to the lots that faced the Vernon Hill Playground, as Jewish middle-class families relocated from the lower Providence Street neighborhood on the northern slope of Grafton Hill. The house at 159 Providence Street was built ca. 1926 by the Dworman family, carpenters, contractors and realtors. The Dworman's had their business location at 27A Providence Street; they appear to have been responsible for much of the three-decker development in the 1920s in the Woodford Street area east of Vernon Hill Playground; 159 Providence Street was built as a Dworman family residence. It was owned by David Dworman. Other residents in 1926 included Nathaniel Dworman, of the Dworman Building Company; Harry Dworman, a carpenter; and Francis Dworman, an insurance agent. Other tenants in 1926 included Wolf Beskin, a woollens merchant; and Harry Schwartz, a salesman. Residents in 1930, besides the Dwormans, included Sidney Haitt, a salesman; Morris Dolcourt, a pedlar; Anne Dolcourt, a secretary; and Benjamin Dolcourt, a fruit merchant.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1926, 1930.
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| 11. Crystal Street Historic District | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Beth J. Sarge | 02-09-90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 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. Sarge | 02-09-90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 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 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 16. Dodge, Helen, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 17. Doran, Thomas F., Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 18. Drew, Elvira, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 19. Duke, Philip, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 20. Dworman, David, Three-Decker | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Helene Byers | 2/9/90 |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Dworman, David, 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: 89002430

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three Decker MRA

DAVID DWORMAN THREE DECKER

159 PROVIDENCE STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1844



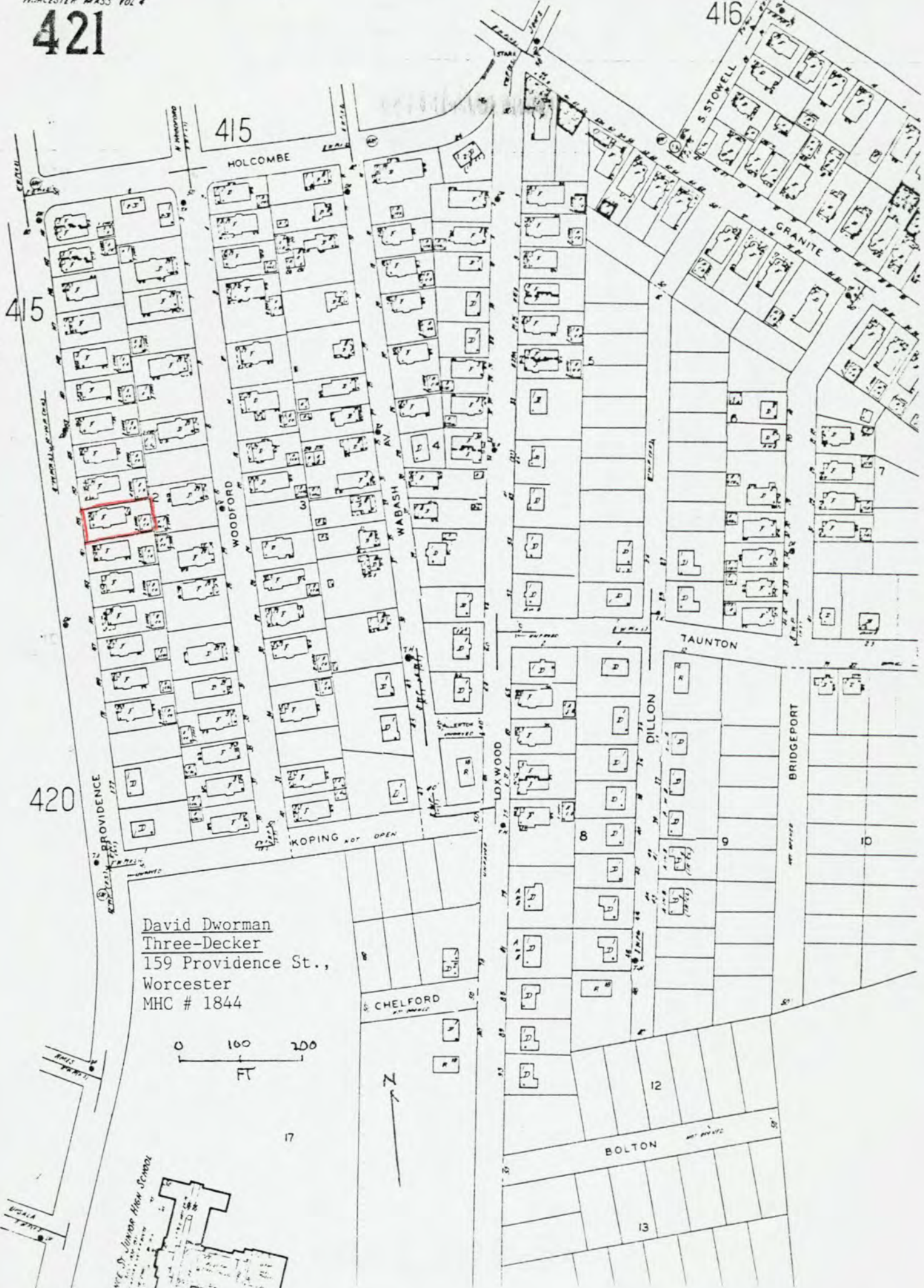
Kodalux

Processing Services
MAY 89 N

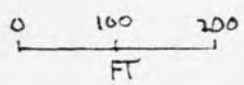


Kodalux

Processing Services
MAY 89 N



David Dworman
 Three-Decker
 159 Providence St.,
 Worcester
 MHC # 1844



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305