

74 # 20000523

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	86-B

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

1. Town Worcester  
 Address 31 Lenox Street  
 Name George Gabriel House  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Charles & Martha Hill

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

3. Description:  
 Date ca. 1899  
 Source city atlases and directories

Roll 10

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

Style Colonial Revival  
 Architect unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
 Outbuildings (describe) garage  
 Other features 'bowed oriel window above center entry, Palladian window, hip roof with dormers, Ionic porch and pilasters, window caps with keystone

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

UTM:  
19/266300/4684270

5. Lot size: Assessors" Book 11, p.21  
Lot 2 16,111 sq.ft.  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 130"

Approximate distance of building from street  
35'

Recorded by C. Charalambides  
ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George W. Gabriel

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Built as part of the McFarland-Chamberlain Farm which was subdivided to create Richmond Heights around 1896, the Gabriel House is an unusually fine example of Colonial Revival architecture. The house's rectangular plan, hip roof, Ionic pilasters and dormers are characteristic elements of Colonial Revival design. Other, less usual features include a second storey bowed oriel with Palladian window (2nd storey facade), splayed window lintels with keystones, and Ionic porches with original balustrades. Currently in excellent condition, the Gabriel House stands out as one of the earliest and finest houses in the Richmond Heights area.

The house's first occupant was George Gabriel, a bookkeeper and later manager of the George Blake Company, dealers in iron, steel and other metals. Gabriel's move here in 1899, from a house at 8 Melville Street which he had built in 1891, is characteristic of the change in residential patterns which occurred in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. While earlier, Victorian middle and upper-class areas had existed on all sides of the center city, by the 1880s districts north, east and south of the business district were being by-passed in favor of the city's west side, particularly such areas as the former Lincoln Estate (Form 116-L), Hammond Heights (Form 101-B) and later Richmond Heights.

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

**HISTORIAN**

Call/Accept  
Lightner  
10-30-79

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-dickers). ~~Minor~~ opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

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

**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 b/c need to be discussed with State.

**OTHER**

ACCEPT  
MacDonald  
2/23/80

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. PBS were not necessary because

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Perch was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/corrections. The only properties that I do not recommend listing are:  
✓ 116-CBD-13 - destroyed by fire MA - 116 CBD-11  
130-CBD-44 - does not retain integrity for individual eligibility

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

✓ 102-L-3 / ~~not~~ not convinced about boundaries but believe they could be OK. BASED on additional documentation submitted - I defer judgement.

Recommend 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; 3/5/80  
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state DOUBLE

**BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80

**KEEPER**

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:  
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 (holding fruit from state) 3/5/80

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered MAR 5 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.5.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



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JUN

86-80 AUG 1979

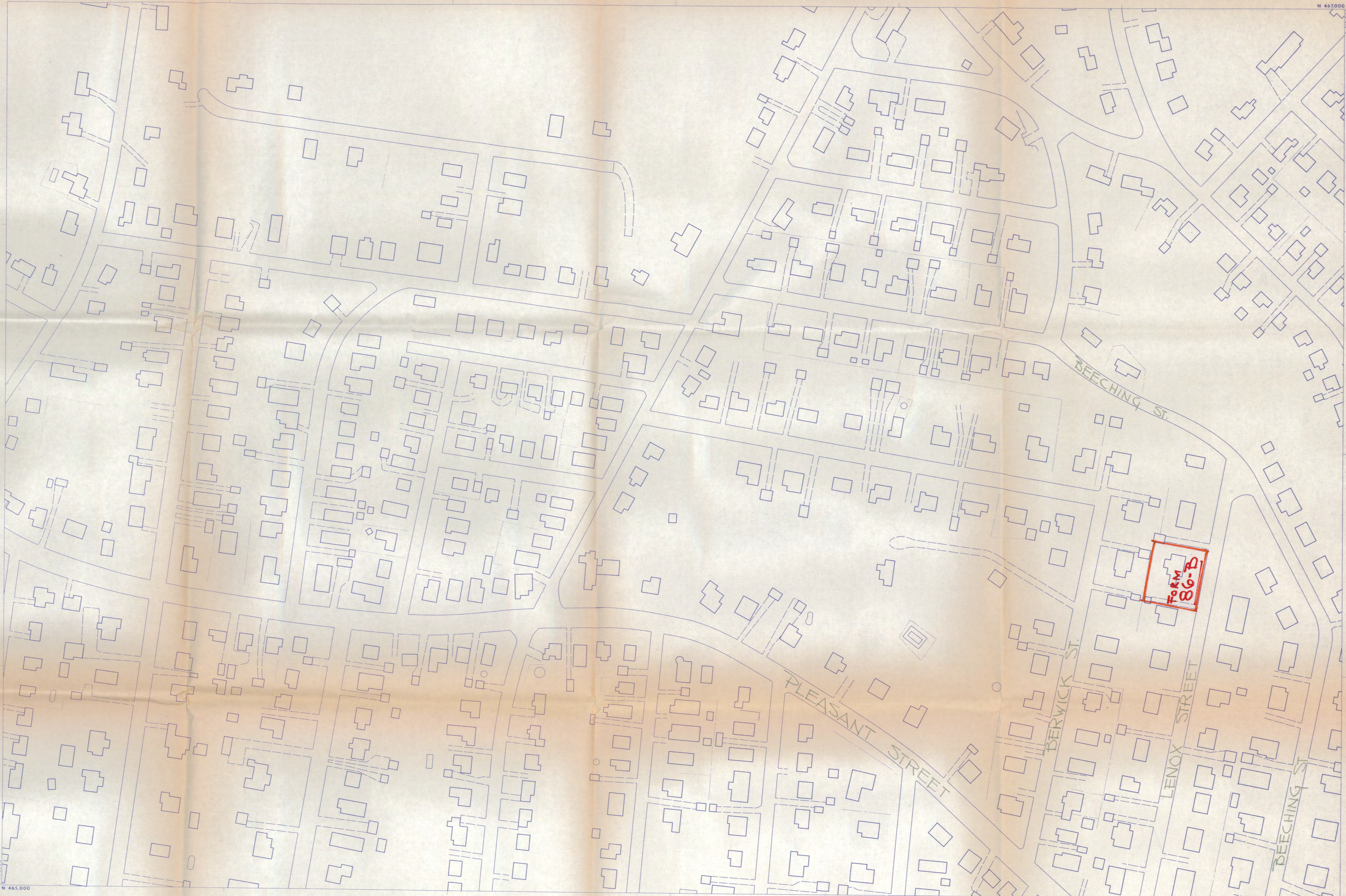
Gabriel, George, House

31 Lenox St

Worcester MRA, Ma

east elevation

MAR 5 1980



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E 510000

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N 465,000

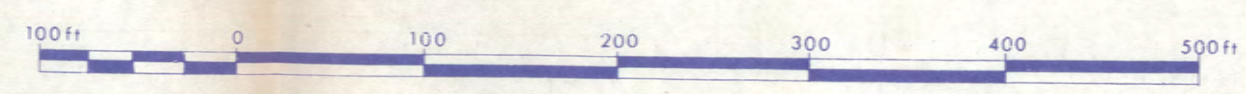
COMPILED BY PHOTOGRAMMETRIC METHODS

moore survey & mapping corp.

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UPDATED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS MAP REPRODUCED FROM MAPPING MEETING NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS AT A SCALE OF 1"=200'



500 FOOT GRID BASED ON MASS. RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM

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CITY OF WORCESTER  
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

PROJECT: M.S.M. 2517

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 4-22-75

SHEET 86 OF 220 SHEETS



