

FORM B - BUILDING

Ref N. 80000591

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

In Area no.

Form no.

117-F

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 84 Mulberry StreetName Leonard Sturtevant HousePresent use residencePresent owner Raymond and Carmella
Lareau

3. Description:

Date ca. 1849Source city atlases and directorieStyle Greek RevivalArchitect unknownExterior wall fabric asbestos shingleOutbuildings (describe) noneOther features Doric porch with
dentilled entablature, eared
window frames, pilasters, cupola,
octagonal lights in pedimented
gablesAltered siding Date mid-20th
centuryMoved no Date _____5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p. 35
Lot 1 4646 sq.ft.One acre or less x Over one acre _____Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

S. Lee

6. Recorded by ed. B.R. PfeifferOrganization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.Date January 1978UTM:
19/269660/4683

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Leonard Sturtevant

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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)

First occupied in 1849, the Sturtevant House is a unique local example of Greek Revival architecture. The house is a two-storey frame structure with a "T" shaped floor plan, each wing of which is trimmed with corner pilasters and a pedimented gable. The house's side-hall facade has an original entry and windows set in eared frames with splayed sides. Extending along the facade and side walls of the house is an open Doric porch set in a granite base. Pedimented gables contain (at the facade) an arched window with label moulding and (side wings) octagonal lights. Set over the crossing of the building's floor plan is a square cupola. Although covered by asbestos siding, the Sturtevant House remains intact.

Leonard Sturtevant, a tailor who owned the house during the last half of the nineteenth century, is characteristic of the middle-class businessmen and small-scale manufacturers who settled in the vicinity of Belmont Hill during the 1840s and 1850s, as Worcester's manufacturing district began to engulf former residential districts east of Main Street. Lured by the picturesque potential of hillside sites, the first occupants of Belmont Hill built cottages and moderate-sized houses in the then popular Gothic and Greek Revival styles. The area's popularity was relatively short-lived, and by the 1870s and 1880s it was being more densely built up with working-class housing. One possible reason for the area's abandonment by the middle-class residents may have been its position immediately east of a major industrial district, the fumes from which

(cont.)

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

City atlases and directories

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Name: Leonard Sturtevant House	

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

9. would have been carried over Belmont Hill by prevailing winds. In addition, the area was immediately northeast of a large district of very poor immigrants (Pine Meadow) which was seen as a major social problem as early as the 1850s. For the most part, subsequent development has obscured much of the early history of Belmont Hill, leaving the Sturtevant House and several other buildings as important reminders of the area's past.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

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.

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 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. BIDS WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OTHER

ACCEPT
MURDOCK
2/28/80

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ADDRESS 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
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Review _____

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{AM NOT} CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend Listing all properties ^{now} ~~except~~ these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ w/NR staff + State. DUBIE

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing fruit from State)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



Starter - Leonard, the
Wesleyan M.A. 1/1/79

Prestige Prints
by Berkeley

JUN 1979

117-F 30 AUG 1979

84 Mulberry St.

west + south
elevations

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304