

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
	143-G-1

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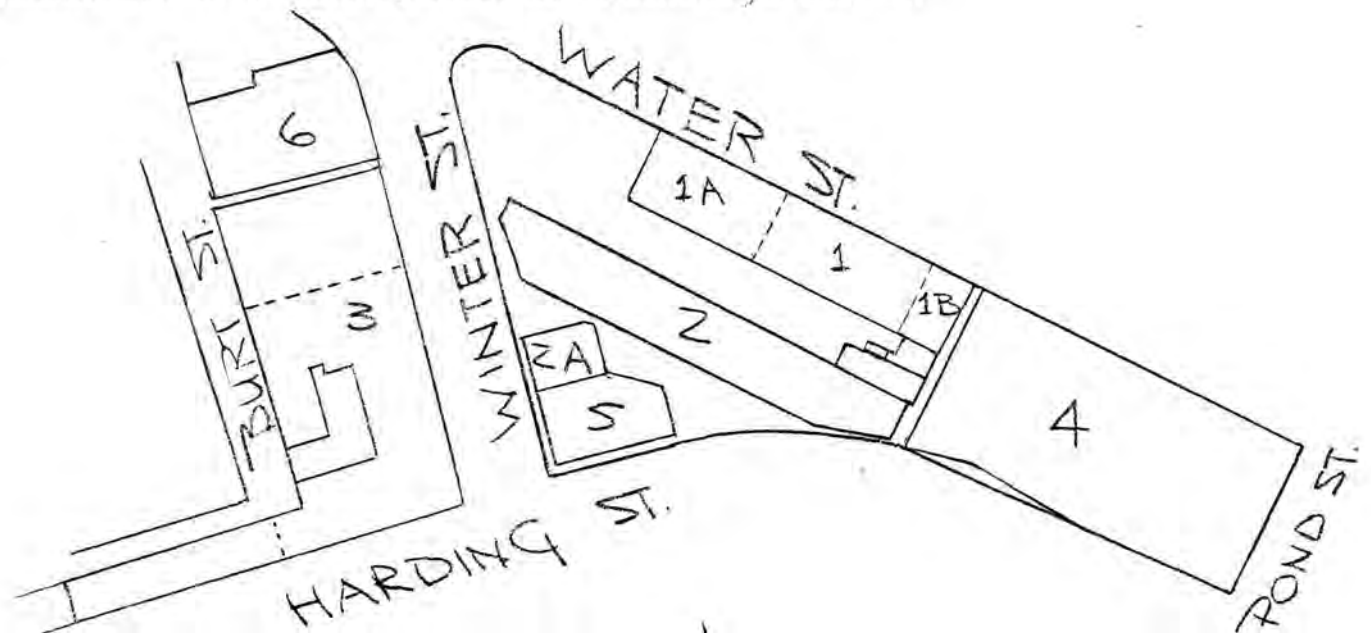
1. Town Worcester
Name of area (if any) Harding & Winter Streets Manufacturing District

3. General date or period 1870-1906

4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? no (varied Victorian industrial)
in condition? no (deteriorated to good)
in type of ownership? yes (private)
in use? yes (commercial/industrial)

Roll 25

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



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Date December 1977

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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Description:

The Harding & Winter Streets Manufacturing District contains a group of 3-to 6-storey brick factory buildings built between 1870 and 1898. The area is bounded on the south by Pond Street, on the west by Harding Street, on the east by Water Street and on the north by the rear lot lines of factories on the north side of Winter Street between Harding and Winter Streets. These boundaries were selected to include the major nineteenth century factory buildings of a once extensive manufacturing district which extended eastward from here along Franklin and Grafton Streets. The construction of Interstate Route 290 in the 1970s and the decline of manufacturing in Worcester's center have left this larger district fragmented; the Harding & Winter Streets District retains all of its nineteenth century factories, preserving the atmosphere of many of Worcester's now vanished industrial quarters. Buildings include in the district are (numbers correspond to those on the map -reverse side):

1. 28 Water Street--J.H. & G.M. Walker Shoe Factory; built 1870, enlarge 1879, ca. 1895. The Walker Shoe Factory is a $4\frac{1}{2}$ -storey brick factory, rising from a high basement to a low-pitched roof. The building's side walls are divided into bays of equal width with the exception of the bays over paired entries on the east elevation. The original section of this building (section 1 on map) was doubled in size by an addition to its north wall in 1879 (section 1A on map); during the 1890s, a second addition was added to the building's south end (section 1B on map). Of the same construction and fenestration as the rest of the building, this second addition extends four bays and has a flat roof. Immediately west of the Walker Factory is a smokestack, apparently original to the 1870 building, which was equipped with two fifty-horsepower engines.

The J.H. & G.M. Walker Shoe Company was formed in 1862 when the two Walker brothers separated from their father's firm. The new company was first located on Front Street; by 1868 the Walker brothers had become so successful that they had opened a tannery in Chicago (Walker, Oakley & Co.). In 1870, the company built its Water Street factory, enlarging it in 1879. By 1880, more than 300 employees

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

Worcester Illustrated Business Guide (1881), p. 150 (Walker Co.--illus. & article); p. 151 (Heywood Co.--illus. & article).

Worcester's Columbian Tribute (1893), p. 100 (photo--Hill Envelope Factory).
Engineering & Building Record, Vol.XXII, 7/12/1890, p. 96 (building notice--Hill Envelope Factory).

Engineering Record, Vol.XXXII, 6/22/1895, p. ix (building notice--Abraham Israel Factory).

Rice, F. Worcester of 1898, pp. 778-779 (Walker), p. 517 (illus--Wachusett Building).

Washburn, C. Industrial Worcester, pp. 239-240 (Heywood Co.).

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worked in the Water Street factory producing heavy boots which were widely sold by company agents in the American West. As one of the city's first large-scale boot manufacutrers, the J.H. & G.M. Walker Company served as a training ground for at least 23 local shoemakers who later became independent manufacturers. In 1888, the Walker Company was bought out by F.W. Blacker who continued making the "Walker Boot" in a different location.

2. 73 Winter Street--J.H. & G.M Walker Storehouse, built 1870. The Walker Storehouse is a two and one-half storey brick building with a low-pitched roof. The building is over 30 bays long with evenly spaced windows set in frmaes with arched heads. The winter Street facade is set at an irregular angle to the structure's side walls; in addition, its northeast corner is bevelled. Near the structure's southwest corner, the west elevation curves inward, following the curve of Harding Street. According to local business guides, this building (50' x 200') was built as a "storehouse for aging boots." Although some windows have been closed and parts of the structure are in need of repair, the building is basically unaltered.

2A. 69 Winter Street--J.H. & G.M. Walker Office, built 1870, top two stories added 1890s (?). The former Walker Company Office is a three-storey brick building with a roof that slopes from front to back (north to south). The facade is made up of four bays which are framed at each end of the facade by brick piers. Windows of the second and third stories are set in undecorated frames with arched heads. The first storey of the facade contains a storefront (windows blocked) with a pressed metal cornice. Prior to the 1890s, this structure was one-storey high with a flat roof and stepped parapet on its facade; virtually all original fearures were removed in the 1890s.

3. 68-80 Winter Street--Wachusett Building (now Heywood Building), built 1879, enlarged 1894, 1905, 1907 & 1913. The Wachusett Building is a large brick factory of 4½ and 5½ storey height with elevations of 26 bays and 28 bays facing Winter Street and Harding Street respectively. Throughout, the structure rises from a high basement to a narrow brick cornice and flat roof; windows are all 6/6 set in undecorated frames with arched brick heads. As completed in 1879, the Wachusett Building consisted of a main block fronting on Winter Street (140' x 40') with two rear wings (51' and 45½' long). Throughout the building was 3½ stories high, with a pitched roof and evenly spaced skylights. Centered over the facade was a low pedimented gable which bore a granite plaque inscribed "Wachusett Building--1879." (This plaque remains in approximately its original position.) By 1898, the pitched roof had been removed and an extra storey and flat

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roof added. In subsequent additions, the facade was extended east by the addition of eight bays, the Harding Street rear wing was extended by the addition of 17 bays, and extensive rear wings were built in the court behind the factory. In further additions, an extra, top storey was added to the eastern 18 bays of the Winter Street facade. All major additions and alterations were made to accommodate the growing business of the S. R. Heywood & Co., Boot Manufacturers.

Samuel R. Heywood, original owner of the Wachusett Building, came to Worcester in 1855, and worked in the wholesale boot and shoe business of E.A. Goodnow, which he purchased in 1856. In 1864, Heywood began to manufacture boots and shoes. In 1873, the firm took the name of S. R. Heywood & Co. Having begun with the manufacture of boots, the Heywood Company began to make finer grades of shoes in the 1880s and by 1899 had switched over exclusively to shoe-making. During its major period of growth, the company was operated by Samuel Heywood, who operated it until his death in 1913. Between 1913 and 1941, the firm remained in the possession of the Heywood family; after 1941, shoe manufacturing ceased in this factory, although the company maintained a shoe outlet here until 1961.

4. #48 Water Street--Hill Envelope Company Factory, built 1890, Fuller & Delano, architects. The Hill Envelope Factory is a four and one-half storey brick building with a flat roof. The building rises from a rock-faced granite plinth and has elevations which front on Harding, Pond and Water Streets. The exterior of the building is utilitarian in design with regularly spaced windows of 12/12 sash set in frames with arched heads; many windows retain original iron fire shutters. The major facade of the building is on Harding Street and is symmetrical. Originally, this facade had a shallow central court above the first storey; this court was filled in with brick construction in the late 1890s or early 1900s. Throughout, the factory has a corbelled cornice.

The Hill Envelope Company traced its origins to Dr. Russell Hawes, who invented an envelope folding machine in 1846. In 1866, Wade H. Hill entered Hill, Devoe & Co. (the descendant firm of Hawes's business), which was then located on Grafton Street. By 1869, Hill became sole owner of the business, which was re-named W.H. Hill Co. The company was incorporated in 1892 and, in 1897, became one of several Worcester envelope companies which were merged into the newly formed U.S. Envelope Company. As late as 1970, the firm remained in this building.

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5. 63-65 Winter Street, Abraham Israel Factory, built 1895, Earle & Fisher, architects. The Israel Factory is a three-storey brick factory, rising from a high basement to a flat roof. The Winter Street facade of the building contains two entries (one at each end of the facade), both of which retain original panelled doors. Set between these entries are two display windows (partially blocked), each containing a transom with art-glass fanlight. Fenestration of the second and third stories and of the Harding Street elevation is largely regular, made up of 6/6 windows set in brick surrounds with arched heads and rock-faced granite sills.

This factory was built for Abraham Israel, an immigrant who came to Worcester in 1883 and worked as a pedlar until 1890 when he established an underwear factory. From 1895 to 1898, Israel manufactured underwear here, moving to larger quarters on Water Street afterward.

6. 82-88 Winter Street, Worcester Stained Glass Works, built 1898. The Worcester Stained Glass Works is a three-storey brick building with a flat roof. The facade is angled in two sections, following a bend in the street. The first storey of the facade contains three storefronts (partially blocked) with simple, undecorated posts and a pressed metal cornice. The upper stories contain evenly spaced windows (mostly blocked) set in brick surrounds, with arched heads and granite sills. At the roof line is a pressed metal cornice.

Between 1898 and 1941, this building was occupied by the Worcester Stained Glass Works, a firm which had been founded in 1884 by David Welch. Welch, who had received his training in Boston, died in 1910, after which the firm was run by Edgar P. Welch and William Massey. Among the firm's known work were windows for St. Anne's and the Park Congregational Churches, as well as windows for the residences of C.H. Hutchins, A.H. Hammond, and J.A. Calvin.

Significance:

Located immediately east of the former Blackstone Canal bed (which was filled in to create Harding Street--ca. 1850s) the Harding & Winter Streets Manufacturing District was a major local center of boot and shoe manufacturing in the 1880s when that industry grew to become the city's third largest industry. Of the 2,633 persons employed in boot and shoe-making in 1885, nearly a quarter worked in the Heywood and Walker Factories. Even after the sale of the Walker Company, the area remained the city's largest shoe manufacturing center due to the continued growth of the Heywood Company, the city's largest shoe manufacturer during the 1890s and early twentieth century. In the

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early 1890s, the construction of the Hill Envelope Factory brought to the area one of the city's largest and oldest envelope manufacturers. After the closing of the Walker Company and during the 1890s, a number of small businesses were located in the area, such as the Israel Underwear Factory and Worcester Stained Glass Works, providing the area with a variety of manufacturers which was characteristic of the city's over-all pattern of industrial development.

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Address	Assessors' Data	Present Owner
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48 Water St.	Book 4, p. 20 Lot 3--18,434 sq. ft.	Chevalier Furniture Co. In
63-65 Winter St.	Book 4, p. 20 Lot 20--3,335 sq. ft.	Hyman Cotton 63 Winter Street
67-69 Winter St.	Book 4, p. 20 Lot 22--2,448 sq. ft.	same
70-72-74 Winter St.	Book 4, p. 16 Lot 32--12,438 sq. ft.	N. & H. Realty Co. c/o Supreme Coat Co. 70 Winter Street
76-80 Winter St.	Book 4, p. 16 Lots 31, 31A--4,690 sq. ft.	same
82-84-86-88 Winter St.	Book 4, p. 16 Lot 30--5,754 sq. ft.	Leon Trust Co. 84 Winter Street
73 Winter St. (includes 28 Water St.)	Book 4, p. 20 Lot 1--32,642 sq. ft.	Expressway Realty Trust 73 Winter Street

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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). ^{Call/Accept} ^{Lightner} ¹⁰⁻³⁰⁻⁷⁹
Opposition is high. Minor problems w/ some properties are listed on attached sheets.

Concur with Branch 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}

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
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 116 need to be discussed with State.

WHAT 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}
^{AKA/DA/44}
^{2/28/80}

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. ALLEGEDLY WAS MISSING IN 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 - 10 CBD-11

Review _____

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

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{UP} 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~~ ^{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 ^{3/5/80} ^{DOUBLE}

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 & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

^{Soldner}
^{3/5/80}

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____

SEE 3/13/80 REPORT



HEYWOOD BUILDING.

Plastics
Unlimited
SHEETS • RODS • TUBES

BURLA

LEON

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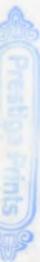
Harding + Winter St. G.D.

68-80 Winter St.

Worcester MRA, MA

South elevation





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Horseshoe & Winter St. I & R
69 Winter St.
Worcester MA, 01099
East & North
elevation

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by Berkey

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Hessling + Winter H.A.

63-65 Winter St.

Worcester, MA, MA

North elevation





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AUG 1979

Harding & Winter St. H.D.

73 Winter St.

Worcester MA 014

East & North
elevation



by Berkeley

Prestige Prints

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Harding + Water Streets H.M.

28 Water St.

Westerly M.R.M.G.

East & North
Elevation

Plastics
Unlimited
SHEETS • RODS • TUBES

BURLAP ATLANTIC BAG CO. INC. COTTON

LEON SUPPLY CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
PAPER JOBBERS

LEON
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LEON SUPPLY CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
PAPER JOBBERS

FOR RENT
156-8768

ONE
WAY
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K&K GARAGE
BRAKES WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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Worcester MRA, MA
82-88 Winter St.
Harding + Winter Streets. 1st fl.
South + East
elevation

by Barney



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CHEVALIER
FURNITURE

SHOWROOMS

SHOWROOMS

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Harding + Winton St Man. Port. Tenn.

48 Water St. dist.

Worcester MA 01404

West + south

elevations

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

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