

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	116-C

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

Roll 29

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

1. Town Worcester
Address 26 Harvard Street
Name Henry Goulding Mansion
Present use home for the aged
Lutheran Social
Present owner Services, Inc.

3. Description:
Date 1850-1851
Source Worcester Architecture, Hitchcock
Style Italianate
Architect M.G. Wheelock of Boston
Exterior wall fabric stucco
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features original entry porch and front doorway; brackets and window caps removed & stucco added ca.1915
Altered stucco added-----ca.1925 additions Date ca.1925, 1977
Moved no Date _____

UTM:
19/268890/4683260

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 2, p.28
Lots 3 & 10 59,250 sq.ft.
One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 350'
Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by R. Moore ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
Date November 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry Goulding

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Swedish Lutheran Home for the Aged, after 1921

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		_____
Community development	_____				

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

Believed to have been designed by M.G. Wheelock of Boston (earlier of Barre, Mass.) and constructed by Captain Edwin Lamb of Worcester, the Henry Goulding Mansion was one of the most opulent Italianate style houses built in Worcester during the mid-nineteenth century. The Goulding Mansion is two stories high, built of frame construction, with a low hip roof. The house's symmetrical facade contains a fine original entry porch with arched openings, modillioned cornice and parapet. First storey windows are set in moulded architraves with consoles supporting pedimented caps; second storey windows are set in nearly identical surrounds, without pediments. Extended around the building is a panelled and bracketed cornice. Prior to the house's conversion to a home for the aged, its exterior was covered with wood (probably clapboards) and had corner quoins. Originally the house had a cupola which was removed after 1927. Attached to the house's south wall is a two-storey brick addition with a facade (west) of equal-sized bays. Of eclectic style, this addition is covered with stucco and has arched windows, decorative brickwork, cornice brackets and a slate-covered hip roof. At the south end of the 1926 addition is a new wing of modern design, completed in 1978.

The Goulding Mansion was built for Henry Goulding on the site of Goulding's earlier Greek Revival style house, which was moved #4 Dix Street (see Form 116-E) Henry Goulding was an early local manufacturer of woolen machinery. In 1831, Goulding was one of several partners who bought the woolen machine business of Washburn & Goddard. Under a

(cont.)

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

Proceedings: Worcester Society of Antiquity, vol. XIV, part 3, p.288.
Washburn, C. Industrial Worcester, pp. 66, 83, 188, 301.
Albert White Papers, Box 7.

Community: Worcester	1041111 116-0
Property Name: Henry Goulding Mansion	

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

9.
series of different partnerships and occasionally under his sole ownership, Goulding developed the business into one of Worcester's largest machine manufactures. Goulding was also a Worcester selectman, a founder and president of the Mechanics' National Bank, and a founder of the Worcester Mechanics' Association. In 1851 Goulding sold the firm to Willard Williams & Co. and "retired with a fortune" to his new house on Harvard Street, where he lived until his death in 1866. After 1866, 26 Harvard Street was occupied by W.H. Goulding, son of Henry Goulding. The younger Goulding operated a tailoring business in Boston and later a drug store in Worcester; after 1866, Goulding retired from business to manage the family's extensive real estate.

In 1921 the Goulding heirs sold 26 Harvard Street to the Swedish Lutheran Church which converted the house to a home for the aged and, in 1925, added a brick and stucco wing.

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). **HISTORIAN**
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

Common 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. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

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 types need to be discussed with State. **ARCHEOLOGIST**

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. **OTHER**
ACCEPT
M.A. DUBIE
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Evidence was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY
✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{AM} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
BASED ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend Listing all ^{now} properties except these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~return to state~~ to discuss further w/NR staff + state. **BRANCH CHIEF** 3/3/80
Return 102-L-3 to state for correction; 3/5/80
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state DUBIE

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 (Eldridge 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



by Berkeley



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30 AUG 1979

116-C
26 Harvard St.
Goulding, Henry, Mansion
West elevation
Worcester MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304