

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

2914  
AREA

FORM NO.

1833

Town WorcesterAddress 152 Eastern AvenueHistoric Name Eric Bostrom  
Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1894Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne style Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and  
cut shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition very good

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th century, multi-  
family, residential street, in a  
row of similar three-deckers.Recorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization for MHCDate December 1988

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

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 19/269990/4683750USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester NorthSCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Eric Bostrom Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Scandinavian, working-class, multi-family residential neighborhood that developed north of Belmont Street in the late 19th century. It is also a remarkably well-preserved, well-detailed and unusually ornate example of the early forms of Queen Anne style three-decker popular in Worcester during this period. The Bostrom 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, 152 Eastern Avenue is a remarkably intact, well-detailed example of the Queen Anne style three-deckers popular in Worcester in the 1890s. The house has the characteristic hip roof, side-hall plan, and side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade has an end bay entry with panelled double doors. The entry is sheltered by a projecting, single-story porch with an ornate balustrade, turned posts, and solid brackets. The porch is flanked by a three-story bay window with flared skirts sheathed in shingle between stories. Elsewhere the house is clad in wood clapboard. Windows have 2/2 sash and ornate caps with bull's eyes. The roof cornice overhang shelters large, decorative corner brackets.

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

The Bostrom Three-Decker, built ca. 1894, was located in an early area of three-decker development on the hillslope north of Belmont Street, an area dominated during this period by families of Swedish, Finn-Swede, and Finnish extraction. Many residents of the working-class neighborhood were employed at the nearby North Works of the Washburn and Moen Company (later American Steel and Wire), or in other local firms that employed skilled metal workers. The building at 152 Eastern Avenue was part of a row built ca. 1894. The owner through the 1920s was Eric Bostrom, a machinist who resided here. Tenants in 1894 included Carl Bostrom, a molder; and Gustaf Lundgren, a woodworker. In 1900, tenants included Carl Bostrom; Eric Johnson, a wire-worker; and J.M. and S.H. Svenson, wallpaper hangers. Tenants in 1908 included Carl Bostrom and J.M. Svenson. In 1920 they included Carl Bostrom; John Lundgren, a patternmaker; and Victor Lundgren, a musician. Ten years later they included Clifford Benson and Matti Penttila.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1894, 1900, 1908, 1920, 1930.  
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.  
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

*Worcester MRA (Worcester Three-Decker)*  
Date Listed

COVER **Substantive Review**

*John* Keeper  
Attest

*Robert J. Savage*  
*02-08-90*

1. Ahern, Catherine, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
National Register Keeper  
Attest

*Helene Byers 2/9/90*

2. Anderson, Ludwig, Three-Decker

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*Helene Byers 2/9/90*

3. Baker, Peter, Three-Decker

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4. Battelle, Marion, Three-Decker

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5. Beaver Street Historic District

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*Helene Byers 2/9/90*

6. Blodgett, Lydia, Three-Decker

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7. Bostrom, Eric, Three-Decker

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8. Bousquet, Henry, Three-Decker

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9. Carlson, Eric, Three-Decker

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10. Crabtree, Thomas, Three-Decker

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bostrom, Eric, 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: 89002414

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

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



ERIC BOSTROM THREE DECKER  
152 EASTERN AVE  
WORCESTER, MA  
MHC # 1833

Worcester Three-Decker MRA

Eric Bostrom Three-Decker  
152 Eastern Ave., Worcester  
MHC # 1833

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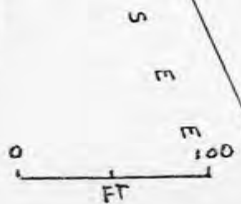
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EASTERN AV.

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MERRIFIELD

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305