

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

1657

Town WorcesterAddress 19 Freeland StreetHistoric Name Harry B. Ingraham Three-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1892Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Queen Anne style Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard and
cut shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Urban multi-family residential
neighborhoodRecorded by Mona DomoshOrganization Clark UniversityDate February 1981

Revised by Michael Steinitz for MHC - 12/88

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 19/266930/4680830USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Harry B. Ingraham Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an unusual example of a stylish three-decker built to attract upper middle class families in the early 1890s, a period when its Main Street neighborhood served as one of Worcester's affluent residential areas. Unusually well preserved, it is also the most outstanding example of Queen Anne style three-decker construction in the city. The Ingraham 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, 19 Freeland Street stands out as a remarkably well-preserved building, and as the finest example of Queen Anne style three-decker construction in the city. The house has the characteristic side-hall plan, with a side-wall jog, although the building's dimensions are much larger than average. The asymmetrical facade contains an entry bay with a projecting, three-tier porch, flanked by a three-story bay window. The house is clad in wood clapboard, with cut shingle bands between stories. The three-tier porch is capped by a gable portico that projects from the building's hip roof. This gable contains a semi-elliptical light containing square, stained glass panes. A second gable portico projects over the first story porch. The porch is supported by fluted and turned posts with decorative curved brackets, and a Stick style frieze extends across the third story tier. Regularly spaced, curved brackets decorate the cornice overhang, and a corner bracket with pendant marks the bay window corner overhang. Geometric stained glass occurs in staircase and entry lights; floral patterns in the upper front bay window lights.

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

The Ingraham Three-Decker is an unusual, early example of an attempt to provide fashionable, three-decker rental housing in a high status residential location. Built ca. 1892, and the first three-decker to appear in the Freeland-Hitchcock Street area, 19 Freeland was developed as a residence for businessmen and professionals, most of whom were employed downtown. The owner through 1920 was Harry B. Ingraham, whose residence was listed as Boston, and later Oxford. The earliest known residents (1892) included J.P. Ravel, a physician; J.B. Hale, a springboard manufacturer; and Charles Kenney, a reporter. In 1910, residents included William M. Steele, a partner in A.H. Steele & Brother, makers of looms and loom supplies; Mary C. Henry, a school principal; and Peter Moriarty, an apothecary. In the 1920s, the building was owned and occupied by Thomas Hayes, owner of the Worcester Yarn Mill. Other residents during this period included Edward Maguire, a clerk; and Robert Baxter, a machinist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1892, 1895, 1900, 1902, 1920, 1928.
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.
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12/26/89

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National Register of Historic Places
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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- 31. Hall Charles A., Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
Attest _____
- 32. Hirst, Samuel, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 33. Houghton Street Historic District **Substantive Review** Sr Keeper Betty Savage 02-09-90
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- 34. Hunt, Daniel, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 35. Hunt, David, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 36. Ingleside Avenue Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 37. Ingraham, Harry B., Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 38. Johnson, Edwin, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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- 39. Johnson, John and Edward, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Silvan Byers 2/9/90
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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 NAME: Ingraham, Harry B., Three-Decker

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

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: 89002363

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

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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HARRY B INGRAHAM THREE DECKER
19 FREELAND STREET
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SCALE OF FEET



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305