

ru # 20000523

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	86-B

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

1. Town Worcester
 Address 31 Lenox Street
 Name George Gabriel House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Charles & Martha Hill

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

3. Description:
 Date ca. 1899
 Source city atlases and directories
 Style Colonial Revival
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) garage
 Other features 'bowed oriel window above center entry, Palladian window, hip roof with dormers, Ionic porch and pilasters, window caps with keystones

Roll 10

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

Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

UTM:
 19/266300/4684270

5. Lot size: Assessors" Book 11, p.21 Lot 2 16,111 sq.ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 130"
 Approximate distance of building from street 35'

6. Recorded by C. Charalambides ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George W. Gabriel

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Built as part of the McFarland-Chamberlain Farm which was subdivided to create Richmond Heights around 1896, the Gabriel House is an unusually fine example of Colonial Revival architecture. The house's rectangular plan, hip roof, Ionic pilasters and dormers are characteristic elements of Colonial Revival design. Other, less usual features include a second storey bowed oriel with Palladian window (2nd storey facade), splayed window lintels with keystones, and Ionic porches with original balustrades. Currently in excellent condition, the Gabriel House stands out as one of the earliest and finest houses in the Richmond Heights area.

The house's first occupant was George Gabriel, a bookkeeper and later manager of the George Blake Company, dealers in iron, steel and other metals. Gabriel's move here in 1899, from a house at 8 Melville Street which he had built in 1891, is characteristic of the change in residential patterns which occurred in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. While earlier, Victorian middle and upper-class areas had existed on all sides of the center city, by the 1880s districts north, east and south of the business district were being by-passed in favor of the city's west side, particularly such areas as the former Lincoln Estate (Form 116-L), Hammond Heights (Form 101-B) and later Richmond Heights.

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

City atlases and directories

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). Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.

HISTORIAN
Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

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. DOBIE

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 1 bldg 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. VBDS were not necessary because

OTHER
ACCEPT
MacDonald
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. KREDGE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

- ✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD-11
- 130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~ ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

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 & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding fruit from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.5.81 Re-submit _____ SEE 3/3/80 REPORT



86-30 AUG 1979

Gabriel, George, House

31 Lenox St

Worcester MRA, Ma

east elevation

MAR 5 1980



N 467000
E 510000

E 507000
N 465,000

COMPILED BY PHOTOGAMMETRIC METHODS

moore survey & mapping corp.

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UPDATED BY _____ DATE: _____

THIS MAP REPRODUCED FROM MAPPING MEETING NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS AT A SCALE OF 1"=200'



500 FOOT GRID BASED ON MASS. RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM

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CITY OF WORCESTER
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANIMETRIC BASE MAP

PROJECT: M.S.M. 2517

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 4-22-75

SHEET 86 OF 220 SHEETS



