

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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| In Area no. | Form no. |
| | 90-G-8 |

1. Town Worcester

Address 22 Windsor Street

Name Forest Hill Cottage

Present use residence

Present owner Robert Mahaney

3. Description:

Date 1860

Source deeds

Style Carpenter Gothic

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric board and batten

Outbuildings (describe) none significant

Other features asymmetrical massing with gables, ogee arched window, nearly a

"mirror image" of #21 Windsor Street
bargeboards removed 1890.

Altered porch added Date 20th cent.

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 1, p.10
Lot 1 12,130 sq.ft.

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 120'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

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

Roll 9

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

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Luther Ross
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Built as a mirror image of its neighbor, Soho Cottage (Form 90-G-7) Forest Hill Cottage is among Worcester's best examples of Carpenter Gothic architecture. The house is symmetrical in plan and massing, rising one and one half stories from a brick foundation to steeply pitched roofs. Portions of the building contain an attic above the upper storey. Major features of the house are its deep eaves (bargeboards removed), board-and-batten siding, bay window (west) and facade gable (south) which contains an ogee-arch window. Around 1880-1890, the present front porch (semi-octagonal in plan) was added.

Purchased by Luther Ross from Samuel Davis, a real estate developer, for \$1,250 in 1860, #22 Windsor Street was first named Forest Hill Cottage in the city directory of 1861. The house's hillside site, fanciful architecture and name are characteristic of the surrounding area's mid-nineteenth century development which was heavily influenced by then current Romantic ideas regarding landscape and architecture. Luther Ross was a pattern maker who worked at the Court Mill, probably in the employ of Nourse, Mason & Co. Ross occupied Forest Hill Cottage until 1886 when it was sold to H.D. Gough, whose heirs retained ownership of the property into the twentieth century.

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

Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Book 633, p. 48, Davis to Ross, 9/10/1860.
 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

HISTORIAN

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.

Call/Accept
Lightner
10-30-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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. DOUBLE

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 bps need to be discussed with State.

OTHER

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

ACCEPT
MacDonald
2/28/80

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of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. Acreage was missing on some properties but is now included after the 2/11/80 corrections. THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE
✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 16 CBD-11
130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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

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

BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

KEEPER

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:
Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & claim from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state)

Soldner
3/5/80

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 5 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____



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Forest Hill Cottage

90-G-8

22 Windsor St.

west + south

elevations

Worcester MA, 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