

FORM B - BUILDING

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| In Area no. | Form no. |
| | 143-J |

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

1. Town Worcester
 Address 53 Waverly Street
 Name Arad Alexander House
 Present use residence

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

Present owner Kazimir and Teofile Simulynas

3. Description:

Date ca.1845
 Source exterior architecture
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) none

Exp. 8A Roll 25

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

Other features temple front, Corinthian columns & pilasters, egg & dart and tongue & dart mouldings, window hood with console

Altered siding Date mid-20th century

Moved yes Date 1867-1868

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 4, p.25
 Lot 29 7,358 sq.ft.
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 50'
 Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date December 1977

(over)

UTM
 19/269640/4681830

7. Original owner (if known) Arad Alexander - first known - 1868

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 | _____ | | | | |

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

The Alexander House is one of the most elaborately decorated examples of Greek Revival architecture in Worcester. The house is a two-storey frame structure set on a rock-faced granite foundation. The building's side-hall (three-bay) facade is masked by a temple front consisting of four Corinthian columns, supporting a pediment framed by an entablature and cornice with modillions. Exceptionally fine are the house's carved details; i.e., Corinthian capitals on columns and corner pilasters, tongue and dart mouldings, acanthus modillions, window hoods on consoles and a Corinthian entry; these elaborate details are suggestive of the work of Elias Carter, architect/builder, although at present no connection between Carter and the Alexander House is known to exist.

The early history of the Alexander House is unknown, as the house was moved to its present site in 1867-1868 for Arad Alexander, a "truckman" and owner of the firm of Alexander & Martin. Examination of maps and photographs of the surrounding area have not revealed the building's original location or its original owner; however, it is likely that the house was one of many moved from downtown Worcester in the 1850s and 1860s as the commercial district expanded into former residential neighborhoods. Alterations to ^{the} house consist of a new front door and wooden shingling, neither of which interferes with the building's important features.

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 or 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

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

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. **OTHER**
ACCEPT
MURPHY
2/28/80
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. VBD'S WERE NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE

OF THE SCALE MAPS AND CLEARLY DELINEATED BOUNDARIES. A CREDGE WAS MISSING ON SOME PROPERTIES BUT IS NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS. **HAER**
Inventory _____
Review _____
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

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~am~~ ^{was} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
BUT BELIEVES THEY WOULD 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); ~~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 & clean from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state) **3/5/80**

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



Alexander, Arad, House

143-J

Worcester, MA, Ma

53 Waverley St

South elevation

AUG 1979

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304