

FORM B - BUILDING

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

ref # 20000552

In Area no.	Form no.
	153-H

1. Town Worcester
 Address 3 Norwood Street
 Name Elias Crawford House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Ezequiel & Susita Vega
3 Norwood St.

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

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3. Description:
 Date ca. 1851-1860
 Source city atlases and maps
 Style "Octagonal Mode"
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
board and batten
 Outbuildings (describe) sided stable
 Other features octagonal front section
with surrounding porch and rear ell,
brackets, added stained glass
windows
 Altered rear ell (?) Date 19th
century
 Moved no Date _____

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

UTM
 19/267430/468400

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 6, p. 37
Lot 13 10,882 sq.ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 90'
 Approximate distance of building from street
5'

6. Recorded by W. & M. Seaman
ed. B.R. Pfeiffer
 Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.
 Date December 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Elias B. Crawford
 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)

The Elias Crawford House is a two-storey frame house of octagonal plan, with a service wing on its south and west sides. Extending around the building's first storey is an open porch supported by chamfered wooden posts with brackets. The house's fenestration is irregular. The building is enclosed by a hipped roof with open eaves and pendant brackets. Alterations to the house include double front doors and some stained glass (ca.1890). Immediately southwest of the house is a nineteenth-century stable, perhaps original.

Built prior to 1860, the Elias Crawford Octagonal House is one of only two octagonal houses in Worcester. Although the house is shown on an undated map of Worcester (identified as 1860), no owner's name is given until the 1870 city atlas which notes the house as belonging to Elias B. Crawford, a cotton manufacturer (later a woolen manufacturer). As Crawford is first listed at the house around 1870, it seems certain that the house was built for an earlier owner whose name is not presently known. Although a brief biography of Elias B. Crawford is printed in Charles Nutt's History of Worcester, the information suggests that it may have been the father (?) of the Crawford who owned #3 Norwood Street. From the 1880s until 1932, the house was the home of Charles Johnson, a local attorney.

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

Carruth, Louise. Old Worcester Houses (unpublished scrapbooks at the Worcester Public Library) photo.
Worcester Evening Gazette, January 1, 1932. (Johnson obituary)
 Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. III, pp. 234-235 (Elias B. Crawford biography)

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

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 bays 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
MACDONALD
2/28/80

Both technically and to determine significance, almost 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 of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. **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~~ ^{am} NOT CONVINCED ABOUT BOUNDARIES BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**
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;
HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from state

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below: **KEEPER**

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & demo from State), 102-L-3 (returning to state for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (holding from state) **KEEPER**
3/5/80

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

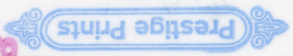


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Cranford, Elias, House
153-H
Worcester MRA, MA
3 Howard St
East elevations



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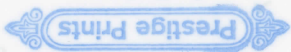
Urbah Ford, Elias, 14th St

3 Howwood St.

Worcester-MRA, Ma

East elevation

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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