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**FORM B - BUILDING**

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

1838

Town Worcester

Address 12 Imperial Road

Historic Name Louis Delsignore  
Three-Decker

Use: Present residential  
Original residential

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

**DESCRIPTION**

Date ca. 1916

Source Worcester House Directory

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings garage

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.

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Early 20th century, urban,  
multi-family, residential  
neighborhood; located opposite a  
period public school.

UTM REFERENCE 19/270950/4683450

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

Organization for MHC

Date December 1988

### **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Louis Delsignore Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with the Italian-immigrant, working-class, multi-family residential community that extended eastward along the Shrewsbury Street corridor in the early 20th century. It is also the only local example of a fully stucco-finished three-decker, unusual for its window bays and for the decorative moldings on its porch openings. The Delsignore 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, 12 Imperial Road is an unusual example of local masonry three-decker construction, the only Worcester example of a three-decker with its full exterior wall surface finished in stucco. The house has the typical side-hall plan. The asymmetrical main facade has an end entry bay that contains a three-tier porch. The porch openings on each story have unusual arches with hood molds, and on the first story, a central keystone. The porch is flanked by a shallow, curved, three-story bay window. A second, curved bay window projects from the side wall. Windows are single and paired, and have 6/1 sash.

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

Built ca. 1916, the Delsignore Three-Decker was part of the northeast expansion of Worcester's Italian ethnic community along the Shrewsbury Street axis in the first decades of the 20th century. The first known owner of 12 Imperial Street was Louis Delsignore, a mason, who may have been responsible for the building's stucco exterior finish. In 1920, the house was owned by Joseph Demarco, a Shrewsbury Street real estate broker, who owned half a dozen other neighborhood properties at that time. By 1930 however, the house was again owned, and occupied by Louis Delsignore. Tenants of the house in 1916 included Joseph Nicoletti and Joseph D'Angelo, both laborers. Residents in 1920 included Pasquale Lombardo, a molder; Guglielmo Cristiani, a bricklayer; and Battista Simoncini, a laborer. Besides Delsignore, residents in 1930 included Roxie Charamella, a fruit dealer; and Pasquale Soloperto, a barber.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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L. J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1922.

J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

12/26/90

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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- 11. Crystal Street Historic District **Substantive Review** *for* Keeper Beth J. Savage 02-09-90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Davis, Rodney, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Davis, Wesley, Three-Decker **Substantive Review** *for* Keeper Beth J. Savage 02-09-90  
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- 14. DEan, Mary, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 15. Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 16. Dodge, Helen, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 17. Doran, Thomas F., Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 18. Drew, Elvira, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 19. Duke, Philip, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 20. Dworman, David, Three-Decker **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Helene 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 Delsignore, Louis, Three-Decker  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Worcester Three-Deckers MRA  
NAME:

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: 89002396

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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LOUIS DELSIGNORE THREE DECKER  
12 IMPERIAL ROAD  
WORCESTER, MA  
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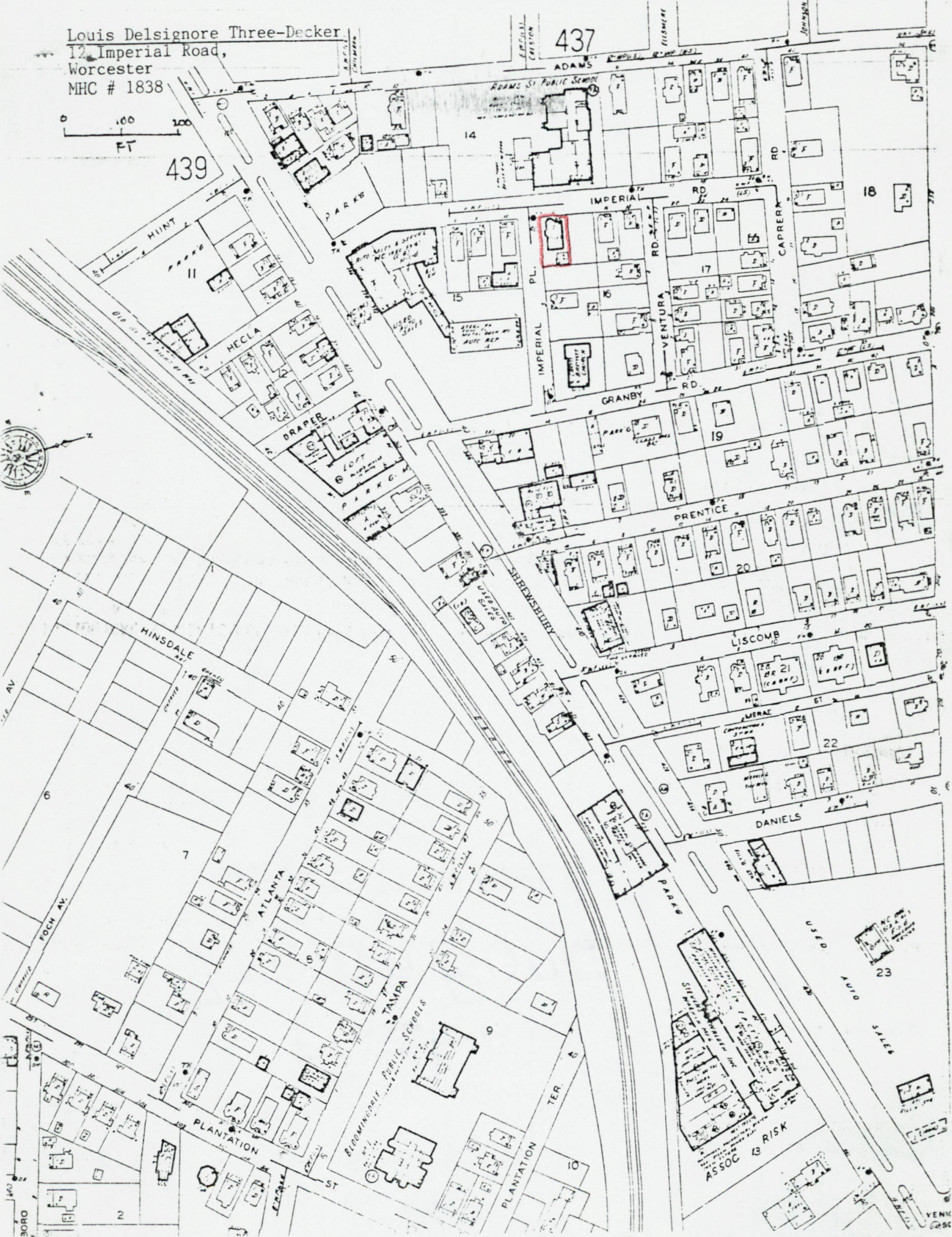
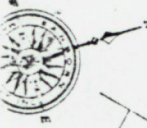
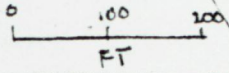
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ADAMS ST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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