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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Worcester

Address 31 Russell Street

Historic Name Gilbert Hadley Three-  
Decker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Stick style Three-Decker

Architect unknown; possibly Herman or  
Gilbert Hadley

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

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

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting urban, multi-family,  
residential street

Recorded by John Callahan

Organization Clark University

Date 1981

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

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.

UTM REFERENCE 19/267800/4682590

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Gilbert Hadley Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its association with a middle-class residential district that extended westward from downtown Worcester in the late 19th century in the Piedmont area. It is also a remarkably well-preserved and unusually detailed example of Stick style three-decker architecture, particularly notable for its unusual array of porches. The Hadley 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, 31 Russell Street is an unusually well-preserved three-decker, remarkable for its extensive array of multi-tiered porches, a display of Stick style ornament unparalleled in Worcester. The building has the characteristic side-hall plan with a side-wall jog. The asymmetrical, three-bay facade contains an end-bay entry with a double-leaf, panelled door. The hip roof contains an unusual shed dormer centered on the front slope. The roof cornice overhang has regularly spaced, decorative brackets. Windows have 1/1 and 2/2 sash, with simple surrounds. Most notable is the extent of porchwork on the side-elevations of the building. A single-story porch extends across the main facade, and wraps around the side wall, where it extends to full, three-tier height. From the opposite side wall an additional three-tier porch projects outward. The porches are supported by chamfered posts and contain stick work balustrades, friezes, and large cut brackets.

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

The Hadley Three-Decker is located on the western edge of the middle-class residential neighborhood that developed west of Crown Hill in the late 19th century. The house was built ca. 1888, probably by the Hadley Company, carpenters and contractors, which listed its business location at neighboring 33 Russell Street, where Herman Hadley had his residence. The first known owner of 31 Russell Street was Gilbert S. Hadley, a carpenter, who also lived here. Residents in 1890 included William Pratt, an optician; Bernard Vassall, an insurance agent; and Walter Dodge, a clerk. Residents in 1900 included Addison March, a policeman; Walter March, a bookkeeper; G. March, a music teacher; George Battelle, a mason; and S.W. Linclon, a printer. By 1910, the house was owned by Florence S. Winslow. Residents included J. Archer Winslow, a pressman; Samuel Small, a harnessmaker, and Walter Bryson, a toolmaker. The Winslow family resided here through 1930. Other residents in 1930 included John F. McDermott, who ran the Refined School of Dance; George Stone, an insurance agent; and Edwin Stone, a machinist.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- Worcester Directory, Worcester House Directory, 1888, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.  
L.J. Richards, Atlas of the City of Worcester, 1896, 1911, 1922.  
J. Callahan et al., Worcester Three-Decker Survey, 1981.

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United States Department of the Interior  
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Worcester Three-Deckers MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

21. Elm Street Historic District

**Substantive Review**

Keeper ~~Shelton Byers 1/1/90~~

Attest ~~Both George 02/09/90~~

22. Erikson, Knut, Three-Decker

Entered in the  
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Keeper Shelton Byers 2/9/90

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23. Euclid Avenue--Montrose Street Historic District  
Entered in the  
**National Register**

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24. Fay Street Historic District

Entered in the  
**National Register**

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25. Flagg, Levi, Three-Decker

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26. Fontaine, George, Three-Decker

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27. Friberg, Andrew, Three-Decker

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28. Giguere, Thomas, Three-Decker

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29. Gullberg, Evert, ~~House~~-Decker

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30. Hadley, Gilbert, ~~House~~-Decker

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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 NAME: Hadley, Gilbert, Three-Decker

MULTIPLE NAME: Worcester Three-Deckers MRA

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: 89002433

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

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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  
 UTMs       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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NO PARKING  
ANY TIME  
ON THIS  
SIDE OF  
STREET

Worcester Three-Decker MRA

GILBERT HADLEY THREE DECKER

31 RUSSELL STREET

WORCESTER, MA

MHC # 1609



Gilbert Hadley Three-Decker  
31 Russell St., Worcester  
MHC # 1609

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PLEASANT

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AUSTIN

WINSLOW

RUSSELL

MERRICK

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(C.B.D.P.)

WINSLOW ST. PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BUNY VETS  
VAC & BOARDED UP

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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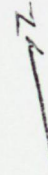
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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