

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

1641

Town Worcester

Address 69 Piedmont Street

Historic Name Clara Simpson
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. 1888

Source Worcester House Directory

Style Italianate style Three-Decker

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

See attached map.

Condition very good

Moved _____ Date _____

Acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting Late 19th/early 20th century urban, mixed commercial and residential street

UTM REFERENCE 19/267980/4682270

Recorded by Michael Steinitz

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester North

Organization Clark University

SCALE 1:25,000

Date May 1980

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Clara Simpson Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of the earliest phase of three-decker development in the Piedmont neighborhood, an ethnic, working-class area of multi-family housing that extended west of downtown in the late 19th century. It is also one of the best preserved, well-detailed Italianate style three-deckers in this area of the city. The Simpson 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, 69 Piedmont Street is a remarkably well-preserved, finely detailed example, representative of local Italianate three-decker construction in the late 1880s. The building is clad with wood clapboard, and has the typical hip roof. The house also has the characteristic side-hall plan, with a side-wall jog. The asymmetrical main facade features a full-length, first-floor porch, with chamfered posts and heavy, curved, decorative support brackets, a feature very common in the neighborhood. The roof cornice overhang shelters paired, decorative brackets, and a simple frieze of narrow, vertical bands. Windows are 2/2 sash, with simple crowns.

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

The Simpson Three-Decker was built ca. 1888 in the mixed Irish and French-Canadian, working-class residential district that was then developing to the west of downtown Worcester. The earliest known owner (1890) of the building was Clara C. Simpson, whose residence in 1900 was listed as Framingham. By 1910, the building was owned by John T. Fennelly, a molder, who resided at this address through 1930. The earliest known residents (1888) included Herbert Howe, a clerk; Louis Lundin, a shoemaker; Nelson Lundin, an upholsterer; and Francis X. D. Latour, a clerk. Residents in 1920, besides Fennelly, included David Feehenny, a bookkeeper; and Harry Spring, a shipper. Tenants in 1930 included John Moynagh; and Harry Holmes, a beltmaker.

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.

12/26/89

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

- 71. Provost, Arthur, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
Entered in the National Register Attest _____
- 72. Reed, Frank, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 73. Ridyard, Albert, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 74. Ridyard, B. E., Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 75. Riordan, John, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 76. Roynane, Catharine, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 77. Shea, Bridget, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 78. Simpson, Clara, Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 79. Smith, Ellen M., Three-Decker Keeper Alvina Byers 2/9/90
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- 80. Stoliker, Edna, Three-Decker Keeper Betty Savage 02-09-90
Substantive Review Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Simpson, Clara, 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: 89002440

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Worcester Three Decker MRA

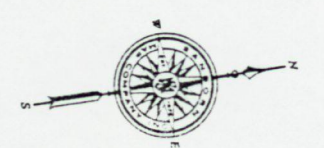
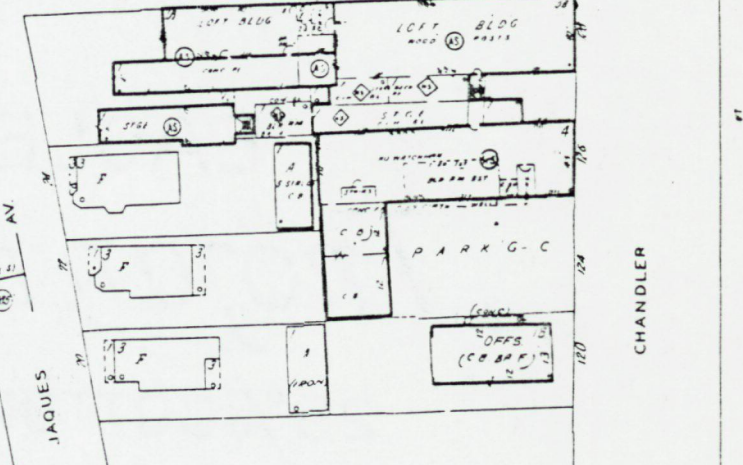
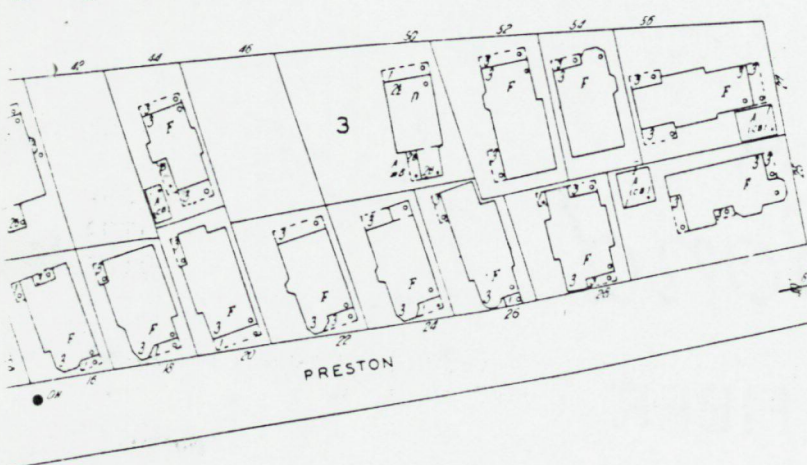
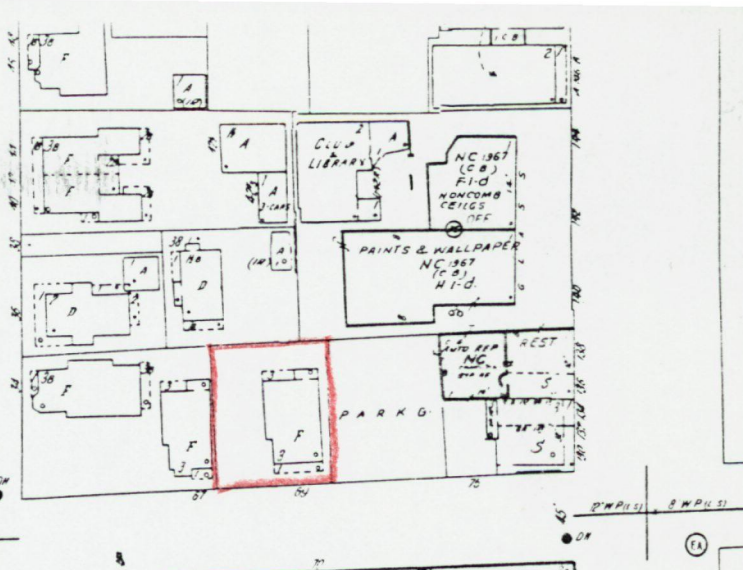
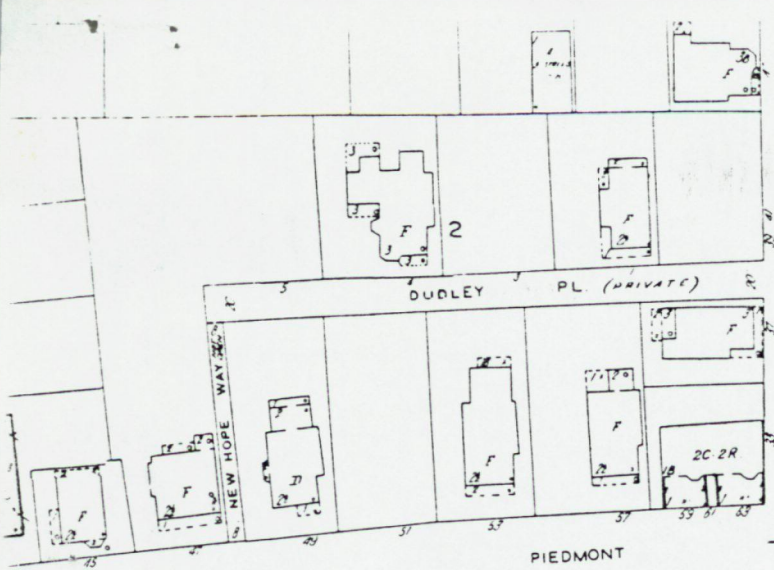
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69 PIEDMONT STREET

WORCESTER, MA

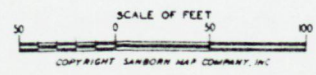
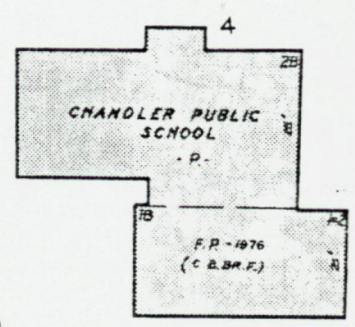
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Clara Simpson Three-Decker
 69 Piedmont St., Worcester
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ETHAN ALLEN

WELLINGTON

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000305