

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

1663

Town WorcesterAddress 3 Pitt StreetHistoric Name Andrew McCarronThree-DeckerUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1918Source Worcester House DirectoryStyle Colonial Revival Three-DeckerArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellent

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

Acreage less than 1/4 acreSetting Late 19th/early 20th century  
multi-family residential street;opposite Sacred Heart ChurchRecorded by Michael SteinitzOrganization Clark UniversityDate June 1980

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 19/268460/4680540USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester SouthSCALE 1:25,000

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

The Andrew McCarron Three-Decker possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representative example of multi-family housing built in the Cambridge Street neighborhood in the 1920s, a period of continued industrial expansion in the area. It is also an unusually well-preserved and ornate example of local Colonial Revival three-decker construction. The McCarron 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, 3 Pitt Street is a remarkably well-preserved example of the use of Colonial Revival style elements in local three-decker construction. The building is unusual for its massiveness and for the balance of its proportions. It is clad in wood clapboard, and has the characteristic side-hall plan, but is unusual in the four bay width of the main facade, and in its lack of bay windows or side-wall jogs. The pedimented, steeply pitched gable roof is also atypical. The main facade features a full length, one-story, projecting porch, which extends to three tiers in the entry bay. The three-tier extension is capped by a small, gable portico. The porch is supported by fluted, square columns. Corner pilasters on the main facade rise to a simple frieze band that is broken by the third story window openings. Windows are of 2/2 sash, and the first and second story surrounds have simple decorative caps.

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

The McCarron Three-Decker is a relatively late (ca. 1918) example of three-decker construction in the Cambridge Street area. In a largely Irish descendant, working class residential area, the house was located near the South Works of American Steel and Wire, and next to the neighborhood landmark Church of the Sacred Heart. The first known owner of the house was Andrew McCarron, a woollorter, who resided here, but who also owned a half dozen other buildings in the city. Early tenants included John McDermott, a helper; Michael McGuire, a driver; and Arthur McDermott, a driver. By 1928, the building was owned by Alexander Pisierski, a loomfixer, who also lived here. Tenants at this time included Edward Thompson, Patrick McPartlin, and Mrs. Winifred McElligott and family.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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

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Worcester Three-Decker MRA  
Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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- 52. McCafferty, Elizabeth, Three-Decker <sup>Entered in the</sup> National Register Keeper Beth L. Savage 02-05 90  
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- 53. McCarron, Andrew, Three-Decker <sup>Entered in the</sup> National Register Keeper Helene Byers 2/9/90  
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- 54. McDermott, John B., Three-Decker <sup>Entered in the</sup> National Register 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 McCarron, Andrew, 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: 89002442

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  
 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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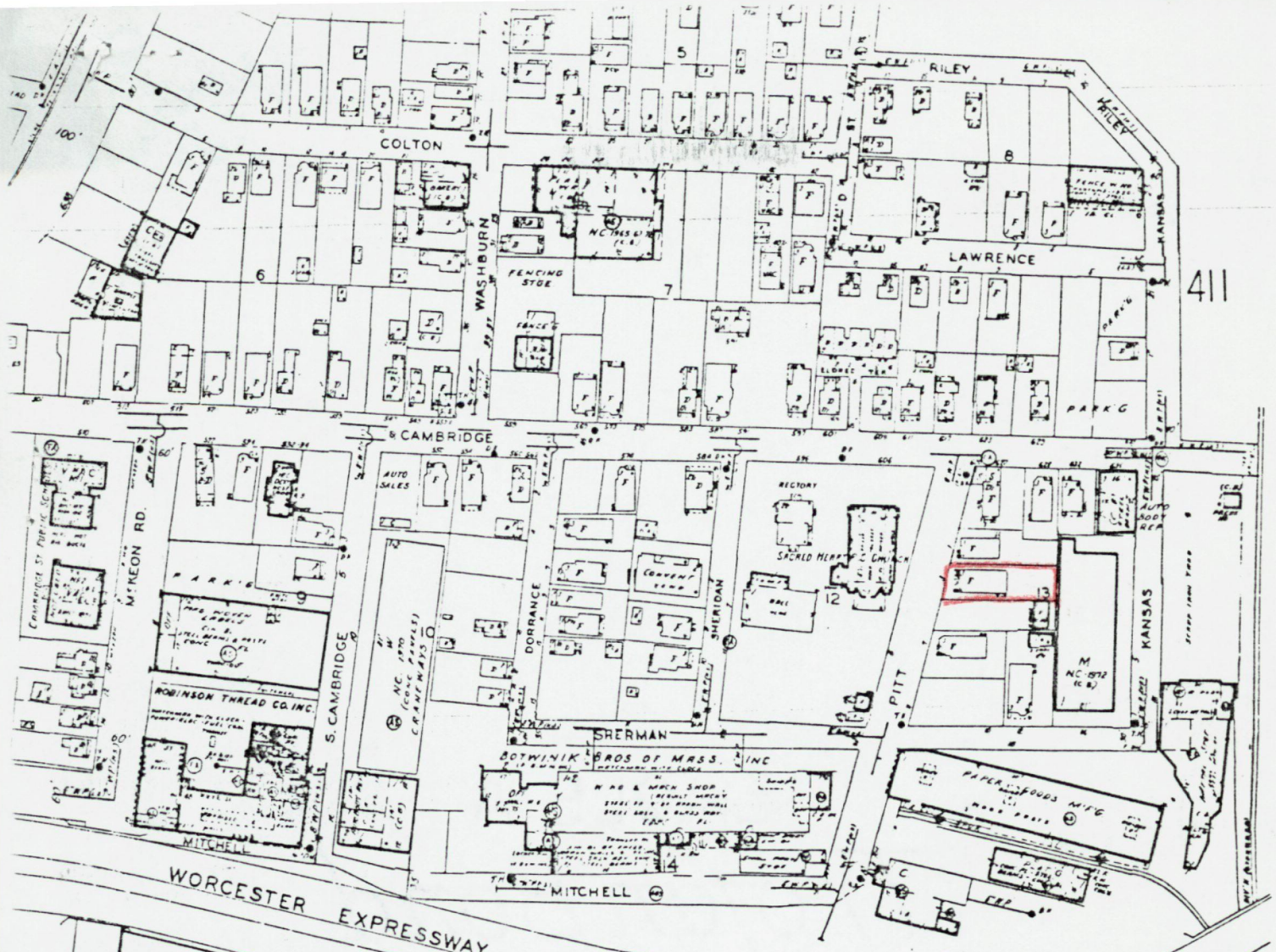
THREE-DECKER

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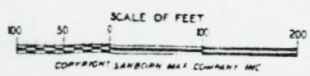
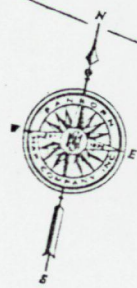
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McKEON RD.

Andrew McCarron  
 Three-Decker  
 3 Pitt St., Worcester  
 MHC # 1663

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