

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Pl-Downtown

In Area no. <u>CR</u>	Form no. <u>116-G</u> <u>461</u>
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1. Town Worcester

Address 23 Harvard Street

Name Jerome Marble House

Present use offices

Present owner Thomas Donahue and William Rauscher

Description:

1867

Source Worcester Society of Antiquity

Style Second Empire

Architect Elbridge Boyden

Exterior wall fabric brick

Other buildings (describe) none

Other features entrance set between projecting bay windows, brick quoins, mansard roof with decorative slatework, modillioned cornice

Altered aluminum and glass door Date 1960s-70s

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Assessors' Book 2, p.31,  
5. Lot size: Lot 4. 11,199 sq.ft.

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

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Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date November 1977



SOUTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jerome Marble

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates offices (present)

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 Jerome Marble House is an excellent local example of Second Empire style architecture, and one of the few buildings of its style for which an architect has been identified. Built of pressed brick, the house is two and one half stories high with a slate-covered mansard roof. The house's facade is symmetrical with a center entrance flanked by three-sided bay windows; the roof bears a variety of gabled and arched dormers. With the exception of a modern front door, the Marble House is unaltered and in excellent condition; the property also retains an original granite stoop, rock-faced granite retaining wall and granite gate posts.

Jerome Marble (1824-1906) was a native of Charlton, Massachusetts who came to Worcester in 1853, becoming a business partner of C.A. Harrington. In 1863 the company became Jerome Marble & Co., "druggists and dealers in paints and oils, chemicals, etc." Other business associations of Marble's included a membership on the Board of Directors of the Quinsigamond Bank and efforts to establish "the first excursion car business in the country" under the name of the Worcester Excursion Car Company, an effort which eventually failed when the company was denied the use of railroad beds.

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

Proceedings, Worcester Society of Antiquity (1896) p.284 (Boyden reference)  
Nutt, C. History of Worcester and Its People, vol. III, pp. 177-178 (Marble biography)