FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

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West side of Albion Street: L-R: 77, 65, 53 Albion

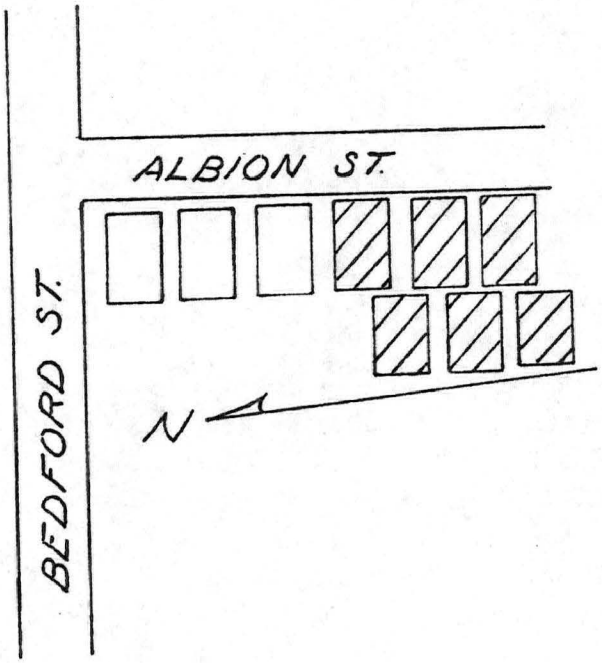
Town Fall River, Mass.

Name of area (if any) Boguslavsky Triple-Decke:

53-87 Albion Street

General date or period 1916

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)






Looking west from Chesworth St:, L-R: 77, 73, 65 Albion

Recorded by Patricia Giza

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Date January 4, 1982

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

These six houses are representative of the Triple Decker style found in abundance in Fall River. All are three stories tall with three-story front and side, three-sided bays topped by a full pediment. They have three-story front porches with paired panelled posts and balustrades. They offer generous floor plans, big bay windows and airy balconies for each tenant. As is often the case, these triple deckers were built in pairs with one house set back on the lot. State Tax Commission statistics show that of Fall River's 17,698 structures, 4,120 are triple deckers, one of the largest concentrations of Triple Deckers in New England. To recognize this important housing type, unique to New England, this representative cluster of six triple deckers is being recommended for inclusion in the National Register; they meet Criteria C.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

These houses, built in 1916, are located a few blocks from the Stafford Mills. By the late 19th century the mills were building fewer tenements than before even though housing needs increased steadily. Hence, the need for private housing construction. The triple decker, usually built for a single owner as his own home with two rental units, became the standard house form in Fall River for the early 20th century. They appeared in every area where the tenement house had appeared half a century before and in other newer neighborhoods as well. These houses were built for David Boguslavsky, a pedlar by Athanase Dussault, a local carpenter.

This cluster was chosen to represent Fall River Triple Decker development because they formed a visually intact grouping with their integrity of design preserved. Vinyl siding and selective demolition in Fall River have destroyed the visual continuity of many of the triple-decker-lined streets. Although many triple-deckers were surveyed, it was actually very difficult to document them. In this case, information re: the ownership, price, dates and carpenter involved were all available.

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Directory 1916: Athanase Dussault, carpenter, 195 Osborn, h. do.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts Bristol County

| Nomination/Type of Review | | | Date/Signature |
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| 1. Algonquin Printing Co. | Substantive Review | Keeper | 2/16/83 Bruce Thompson Boyd |
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| 2. American Printing Co. and Metacomet Mill | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | Delores Byrd 2/16/83 |
| | | Attest | |
| 3. Anthony, David M., House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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| 4. Ashley House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
| | | Attest | |
| 5. Ashworth Brothers Mill | Substantive Review Determined Eligible DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Keeper | 2/16/83 Bruce Thompson Boyd |
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| 6. Barnard Mills | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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| 7. Belmont Club/John Young House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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| 8. Blossom, Barnabus, House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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| 9. Boguslavsky Triple-Deckers | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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| 10. Borden, A. J., Building | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byrd |
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