

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	WOR.221
Historic Name:	Gabriel, George W. House
Common Name:	
Address:	31 Lenox St
City/Town:	Worcester
Village/Neighborhood:	Salisbury;
Local No:	86-B;
Year Constructed:	C 1899
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning;
Area(s):	WOR.CR
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register Individual Property (03/05/1980); Nat'l Register MRA (03/05/1980);
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Glass; Wood; Wood Clapboard;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

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

NR 3/5/80
MRA IND

In Area no.

CR

Form no.

86-B

221



1. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Worcester

Pl. Saluby

Address 31 Lenox Street

George Gabriel House

Present use residence

Present owner Charles & Martha Hill

Description:

ca. 1899

Source city atlases & directories

Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features bowed oriel window above center entry, Palladian window, hip roof with dormers, Ionic porch and pilasters, window caps with keystones

Altered no Date

Moved no Date

UTM: 5. Lot size: Assessor's Book 11, p. 21
Lot 2--16,111 sq. ft.

19/266300/4684270

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre

Approximate frontage 130'

Approximate distance of building from street

35'

C. Charalambides

6. Recorded by ed. B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Soc.

Date January 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George W. Gabriel

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built as part of the McFarland-Chamberlain Farm which was subdivided to create Richmond Heights around 1896, the Gabriel House is an unusually fine example of Colonial Revival architecture. The house's rectangular plan, hip roof, Ionic pilasters and dormers are characteristic elements of Colonial Revival design. Other, less usual features include a second storey bowed oriel with Palladian window (2nd storey facade), splayed window lintels with keystones, and Ionic porches with original balustrades. Currently in excellent condition, the Gabriel House stands out as one of the earliest and finest houses in the Richmond Heights area.

The house's first occupant was George Gabriel, a bookkeeper and later manager of the George Blake Company, dealers in iron, steel and other metals. Gabriel's move here in 1899, from a house at 8 Melville Street which he had built in 1891, is characteristic of the change in residential patterns which occurred in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. While earlier, Victorian middle and upper-class areas had existed on all sides of the center city, by the 1880s districts north, east and south of the business district were being by-passed in favor of the city's west side, particularly such areas as the former Lincoln Estate (Form 116-L0, Hammond Heights (Form 101-B) and later Richmond Heights.

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

city atlases and directories.