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## Milton P. Higgins' Worcester mansion is sold to developer



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WORCESTER — Bramble Hill, the derelict former home of prominent industrialist Milton P. Higgins and his philanthropic wife, Alice C. Higgins, has been sold for \$820,000 to a Dunstable-based developer.

Allerton Development Group LLC, of Boston, sold the property at [757 Salisbury St.](#) on Aug. 29 to Premier Property Group, LLC, of Dunstable. Filings show that the manager of Premier Property Group is Frederick P. Fahey, a developer.

The 1901 Georgian Revival mansion was originally part of a 115-acre estate owned by the Higgins family. The estate was sold in 2000 for just over \$5 million, the highest price ever paid for a residence in Worcester at the time, the Worcester Telegram & Gazette previously reported.

Ninety acres of the property was developed into an over-55 community called [Salisbury Hill](#). But the main house, a caretaker's cottage, two barns, a greenhouse and about 25 acres were separately purchased in 2001, according to real estate agent Gloria Mackoul. In 2006, the house was extensively renovated.

"They did a magnificent job, absolutely beautiful," Ms. Mackoul, who has sold the property numerous times, said of the renovations.

But the main house has been vacant since 2007, according to Preservation Worcester, which has named the property to its annual Most Endangered list several times. Moreover, pipes burst in the house during the December 2008 ice storm, according to Ms. Mackoul, causing extensive damage.

[Preservation Worcester last week named the home to its 2018 Most Endangered list.](#)

The most recent sale involved 17 acres, the main house, stables/ carriage house, a caretaker's cottage and a children's playhouse, according to the real estate listing. (Ms. Mackoul said two house lots had been sold off since 2000 by a previous owner).

Mr. Fahey could not be reached for comment on the purchase.

The planning board has received no application for development of the property as of Wednesday, according to city spokesman Michael Vigneux.