

FORM B - BUILDING

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

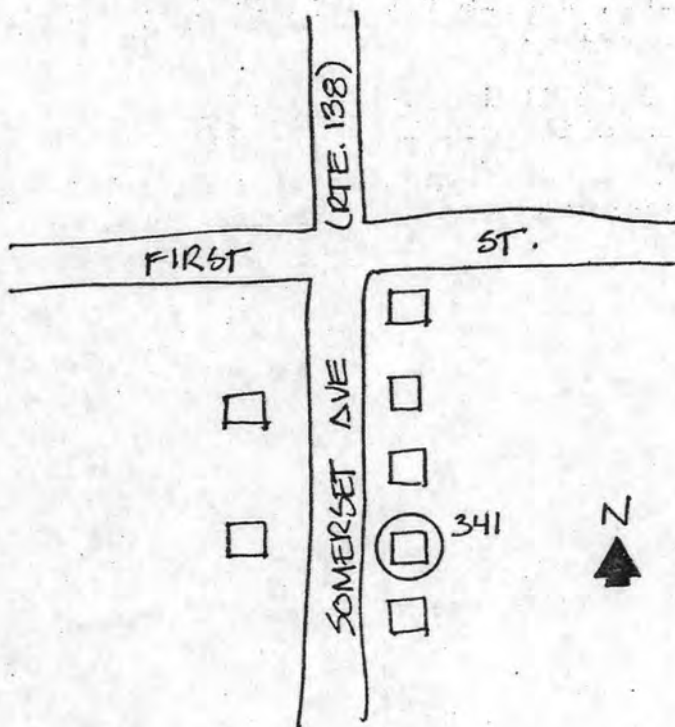
In Area no.

Form no.

341

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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



1. Town Taunton
Address 322 Somerset Ave.
Name H.P. Thomas House
Present use Halfway House
Present owner James Elms
3. Description:
Date c. 1887
Source City Directory
Style Queen Anne
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, Shingle
Flushboard Wainsco in
Outbuildings (describe) NONE
Other features See attached.
Altered No Date _____
Moved No Date _____
5. Lot size: WARD-06 ^{RAW-5} BLK.-16 - LOT-14
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 83.7'
Approximate distance of building from street
20'
6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 9/18/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326250/4639215

7. Original owner (if known) H. P. Thomas

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Halfway House

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☐				

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

Like all of Taunton's Queen Anne Period architecture, this house displays a conservative plan type, but features unusually ornate and varied ornament derived from Eastlake and Tudor designs. These elements include a wall surface enlivened with clapboards, cut shingles and wainscoting, pedimented gables applied with curved truss bracket motifs, porch with drilled and spindled screens, and elaborate wrought iron cresting. The house is informal, yet is among the most Picturesque of the City's Victorian Era construction, and is equally exceptional for its virtually intact condition.

It is likely that the house was built in c. 1887 for an H.P. Thomas, whose descendants inhabited it in the 20th century. Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, the H. P. Thomas House meets criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

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

Walker, 1881

Bristol Co. Atlas of Surveys, 1895

City Directories, 1887, 1937

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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MAY 21 1984

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 61. School Street School | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 62. Staples, Sylvanus N., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 63. Stone House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 64. Sweet, Albert, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 65. Taunton Alms House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 66. Taunton Public Library | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
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| 67. Thomas, H. P., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
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| 68. Tisdale-Morse House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
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| 69. Union Congregational Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
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| 70. Union Mission Chapel-
Historical Hall | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Thomas, H.P., House (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 6-21-84 / 7-5-84
Action: ACCEPT 7-5-84
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



#341 Thomas, H. P., House
Taunton MRA, Ma

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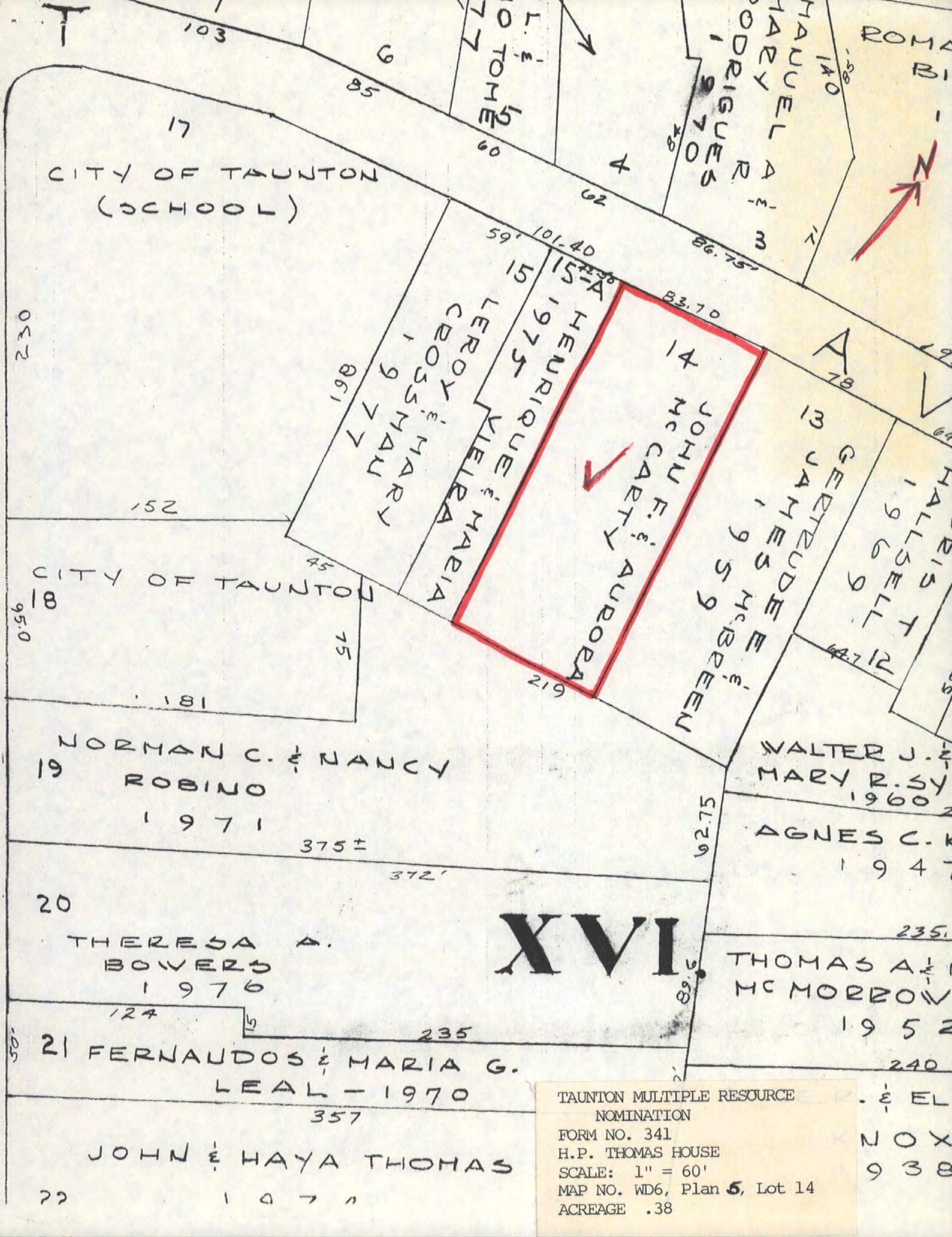
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297