

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	359

1. Town Taunton ✓
 Address 61 Winthrop St. ✓
 Name Winslow Congregational Church ✓
 Present use Baptist Church

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

Present owner Church of All Nations

3. Description:

Date 1897

Source Date Plaque

Style Victorian Gothic

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Uncoursed Ashlar Sandstone

Outbuildings (describe) NONE

Other features See attached.

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-2, PLAN-5, BLOCK-9, LOT-7

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 73'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 10/2/79

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



(over)

UTM: 19/326030/4640440

7. Original owner (if known) Winslow Congregational Church
 Original use Church
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<u> x </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

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

The Winslow Congregational Church is among the most impressive of Taunton's 19th century churches, exhibiting sandstone construction and bold Gothic detailing. Historically, it represents the growth in numbers of Taunton's largest religious group, the Congregationalists.

By the 1830's, the need for additional church space was recognized. 42 members of the Broadway Church and 2 from the Westville Congregational Church formed a new congregation which held services in the now-defunct "Spring Street Church." In 1853, a new meeting house was constructed on Cohannet Street, and was formally named the "Winslow Congregational Church," in honor of Governor Edward Winslow.

Continued increase in membership in post-Civil War years moved the Congregationalists to raise funds for yet another church, and in 1897, the present structure was built, and dedicated in the following year.

Description: The monumentally -scaled, 2 level church has an irregular plan formed by intersecting gabled sections and an engaged corner tower, of 4 levels, with a parapeted belfry. The entrance, in roughly a central position on the facade, is set in a compound pointed arch, topped by a stained glass and wood tympanum panel. (cont.)

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

1924

Hutt, History of Bristol Co., Vol I, p. 110-111

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Description: The irregular fenestration is composed mainly of elongated paired windows of fixed sash with transoms and of full length stained glass windows set in hood molds. Windows, coping, and parapets throughout the building are trimmed in brownstone, which provides dramatic contrast to the uncoursed sandstone walls.

Winslow Congregational Church now known as the Church of All Nations possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It is an ecclesiastical property deriving primary significance for its architectural distinction and secondarily, derives historical importance as it represents the growth of Taunton's largest religious group --The Congregationalists. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

boundaries conform to current lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 81. Williams, Abiathar King, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 82. Williams, Enoch, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 83. Williams, Francis D., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 84. Williams, N. S., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 85. Willis, Joseph, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 86. Winslow Congregational Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 87. Winthrop Street Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 88. Lawrence, William, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/10/85</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 89. Neck of Land | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 7/10/85</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 90. Taunton State Hospital | | Keeper | _____ |
| | | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Winslow Congregational Church (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84

Entered in the National Register Action: ACCEPT 7-5-84
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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 _____

Quadangle 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: _____



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Winslow Congregational Church
Taunton MA, Ma



MAY 1980



TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE

NOMINATION

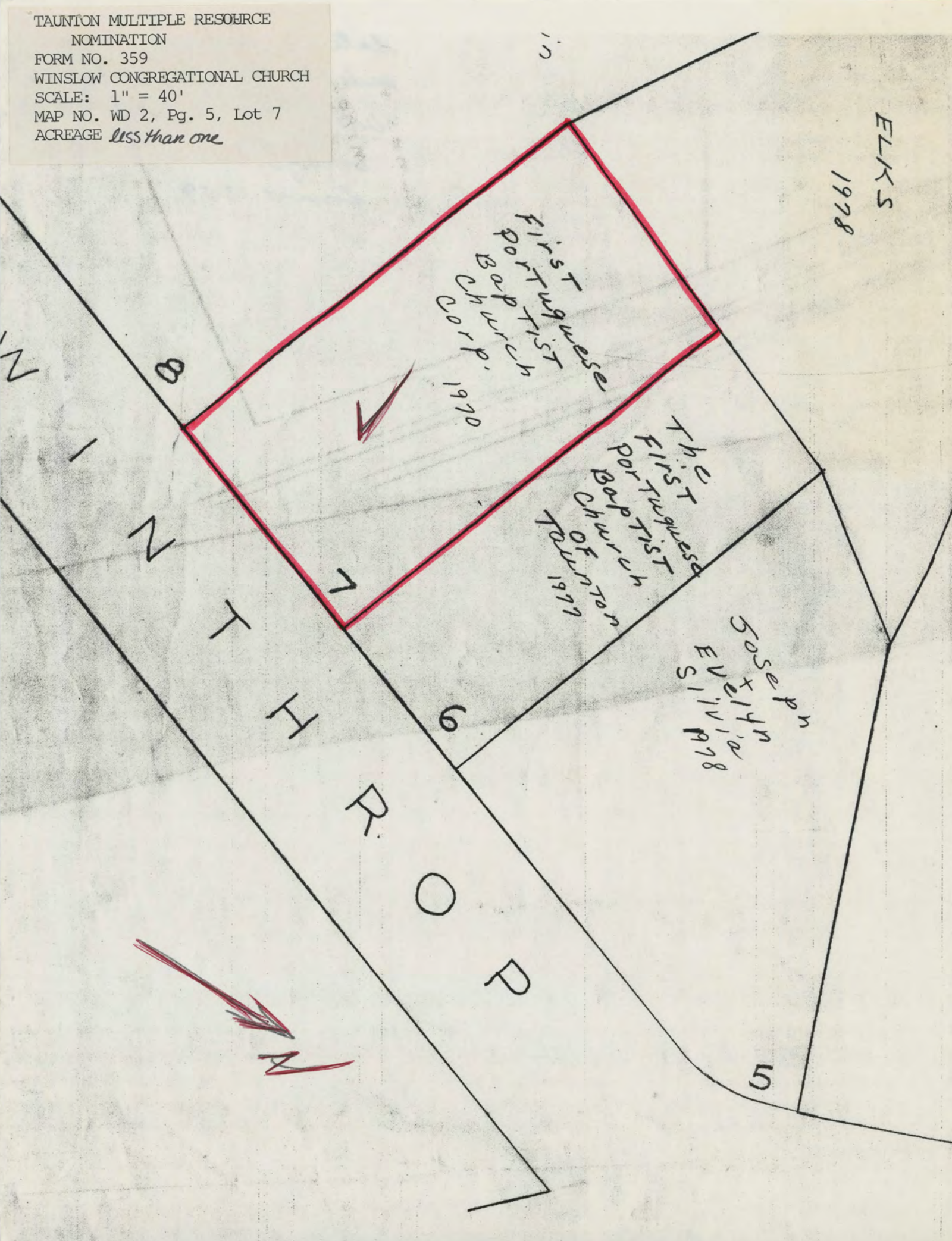
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WINSLOW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD 2, Pg. 5, Lot 7

ACREAGE *less than one*



2/5/4

1" = 40'

date: unknown

scale: 1" = 40'

WD 2 page 5 lot 7

acreage: unknown

form # 359

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297