

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no..

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Form no.

113

1. Town Taunton

Address 6 Pleasant St.

Name The Morse House

Present use Vacant

Present owner Taunton Redevelopment Authority

3. Description:

Date c. 1850

Source Maps; Style

Style Greek Revival/Carpenter Gothic

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features See Attached.

Interior fire 1980; however
Altered most significant finishes
remain intact.

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: MAP WD3, PAGES, LOT 24

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 94'

Approximate distance of building from street
40'

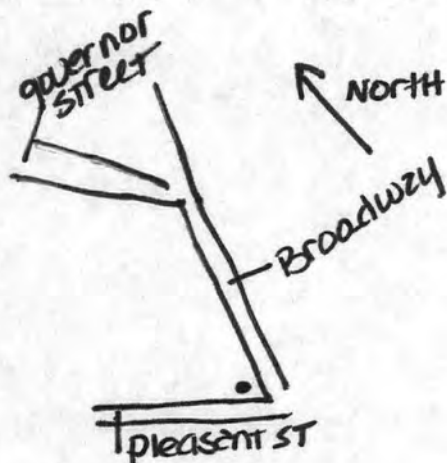
6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 5/11/79

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.



(over)

UTM: 19.326260/4641030

7. Original owner (if known) Unknown

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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)

Architecturally, this small-scaled house clearly represents the transition from Classical architecture (Greek Revival) to the Romantic Period (Gothic Revival.)

Little is known about its origins. From the 1860's through late 1880's, the house was occupied by a Mrs. N.W. Hall, a milliner, who operated a shop at 52 Main St.

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

Beers, 1871
Walker, 1881
Sanborn, 1888
Bristol Co. Atlas of Surveys, 1895
Taunton City Directories, 1866, 1869

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:
Taunton

Form No:
113

Property Name: The Morse House

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

Historical Significance (cont.)

The Morse House is primarily significant as Taunton's fine example of Gothic Revival architectural expressed in cottage form. It possesses superb detailing both on its exterior and interior. Brackets, porches and gable dormers grace the assymetrically massed exterior, while the interior possesses fine Greek Revival detailing: an impressive staircase and marble fireplaces. This transitional house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association and meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places. A rehabilitation and conversion for office use is planned following the Secretary of Interior's standards.

Boundaries conform to current lines of its lot.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

51. Mason, N. S., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

52. McKinstrey House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

53. Morse House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

54. Morse, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

55. North Taunton Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

56. Old Colony Railroad Station

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

57. Old Weir Stove Company

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

58. Paull, Alfred, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

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59. Pilgrim Congregational Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

60. St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Morse 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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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 _____

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: _____



6 PLEASANT ST Morse House
Taunton MA, Ma



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24

Martin
Richard K.
1973
Prob

TPA
1980

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CITY

C. 74.31

City of
Taunton
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TRA 1980
TR 29

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TRA 1920
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TAUNTON
BOY'S
CLUB

1978
Alec
Rich
JR.

HAROLD
MENDOZA
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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION
FORM NO. 113
"THE MORSE" HOUSE
SCALE: 1" = 40'
MAP NO. WD3, Pg. 5, Lot 24
ACREAGE *less than one*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297