

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
176-179	E NR-8

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

1. Town Taunton

Name of area (if any) St. Mary's

Complex

3. General date or period 1868 - 1912

B roadway and Washington St.

4. Is area uniform (explain):

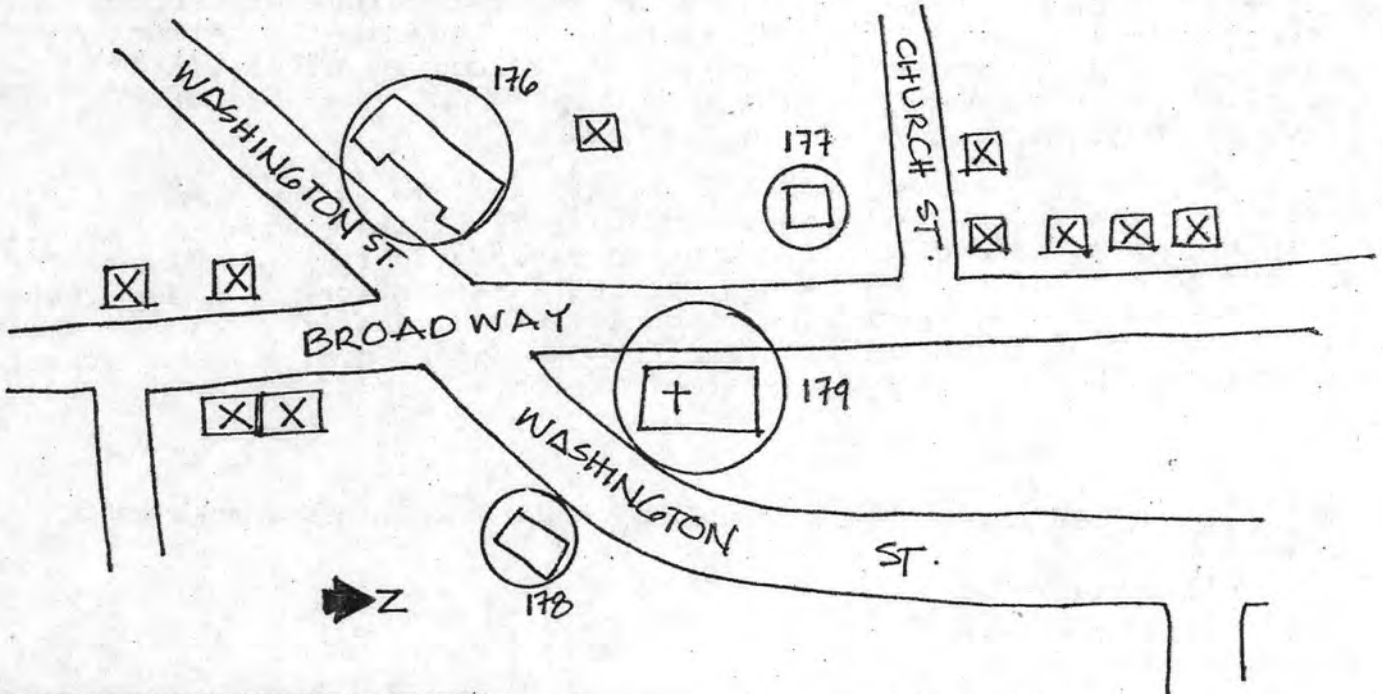
in style? Yes - Gothic Revival

in condition? Yes - Excellent

in type of ownership? Yes - Religious

in use? Yes - Religious, Educational

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 10/16/79

(over)

UTM's - see continuation sheet

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

St. Mary's Complex consists of a well-defined cluster of Gothic Revival style buildings of 19th and early 20th century construction--Church, Rectory, school and convent--located at the intersection of Broadway and Washington Street. It represents the oldest Catholic Church in the Taunton community and the mother church of all other local Catholic congregations.

By 1830, Taunton's population of 6,405 already included a significant number of Irish immigrants working in local textile and silver industries. In the same year, 15 employees of the "Taunton Print Works", who had celebrated Mass in private homes, took up a subscription for the creation of a Catholic church, and the establishment of a local Diocese. In 1832, a small frame structure was built on the site of the present Rectory. The church, which burned in 1856, was rebuilt on the same site, but soon abandoned for its inadequate proportions. Brooklyn architect, Patrick C. Keeley was commissioned to design a monumentally-scaled masonry church, detailed in the Medieval Gothic Style, at the corner of Broadway and Washington Street. The structure, completed in 1868, marked the first of a series of Gothic style buildings constructed as the religious community grew.

In 1903, the present Rectory was built in the Flemish Gothic style by local contractor, D.J. Sullivan. The old St. Mary's Church, which had stood on this site, was moved to East Taunton, where it was renamed "St. Charles Hall." Subsequent construction included the Mansard-roofed Convent on Washington Street (1912) and the Collegiate Gothic parochial school, designed by Boston architects, Maginnis, Walsh and Sullivan, (1907).

St. Marys Complex possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and historical association. The St. Marys Complex is ecclesiastical and derives primary significance for its architectural distinction and historical association with the growth of Taunton as a manufacturing community whose labor force was comprised essentially of Irish immigrants. The St. Marys Complex meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Maydell Murphy,

All in the Family, An Informal Sketch of St. Mary's Parish,
(Taunton, C.A. Hack & Sons, 1958)

Emery, History of Taunton, p. 264-66

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: <i>Taunton</i>	Form No: <i>8</i>
Property Name: <i>St. Mary's Complex</i>	

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

9. Historical Significance (cont.)

Boundaries were selected to follow current property lines and include the four major structures in the complex.

Individual buildings in the complex:

#176 St. Mary's School 1907; Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan, architects

#177 St. Mary's Convent 1912

#178 St. Mary's Rectory 1903; D.J. Sullivan, (contractor)

#179 St. Mary's Church 1868; Patrick C. Keeley, architect

Owner: Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River
Fall River, MA

Acreage: Approximately 7; large assessor's maps (2)

UTMS: A 326260/4641420
 B 326350/4641540
 C 326330/4641310

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**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

dnr-11

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 50 1. Roseland Substantive Review Keeper Reject
- 2. Old Colony Iron Works-Nemasket Mills Complex Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 3. Reed and Barton Complex Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 4. 'St. Mary's Complex Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 5. Whittenton Mills Complex Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 6. Hopewell Mills District Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 7. Taunton Green Historic District Substantive Review Keeper Donna M. Dwyer 3/1/85
- 8. Atwood, Charles R., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 9. Barnum School Entered in the National Register Keeper Melora Byers 7/5/84
- 10. Bartlett, J. C., House Substantive Review Keeper Donna M. Dwyer

Attest 7/5/84

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

St. Mary's Complex (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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

State Historic Preservation Office
100 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 725-3333

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage 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: _____



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St. Mary's Complex
Taunton MRA, Ma

MAY 1980



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St. Mary's Complex
Taunton MRA, Ma

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St. Mary's Complex

Taunton NRA, Ma

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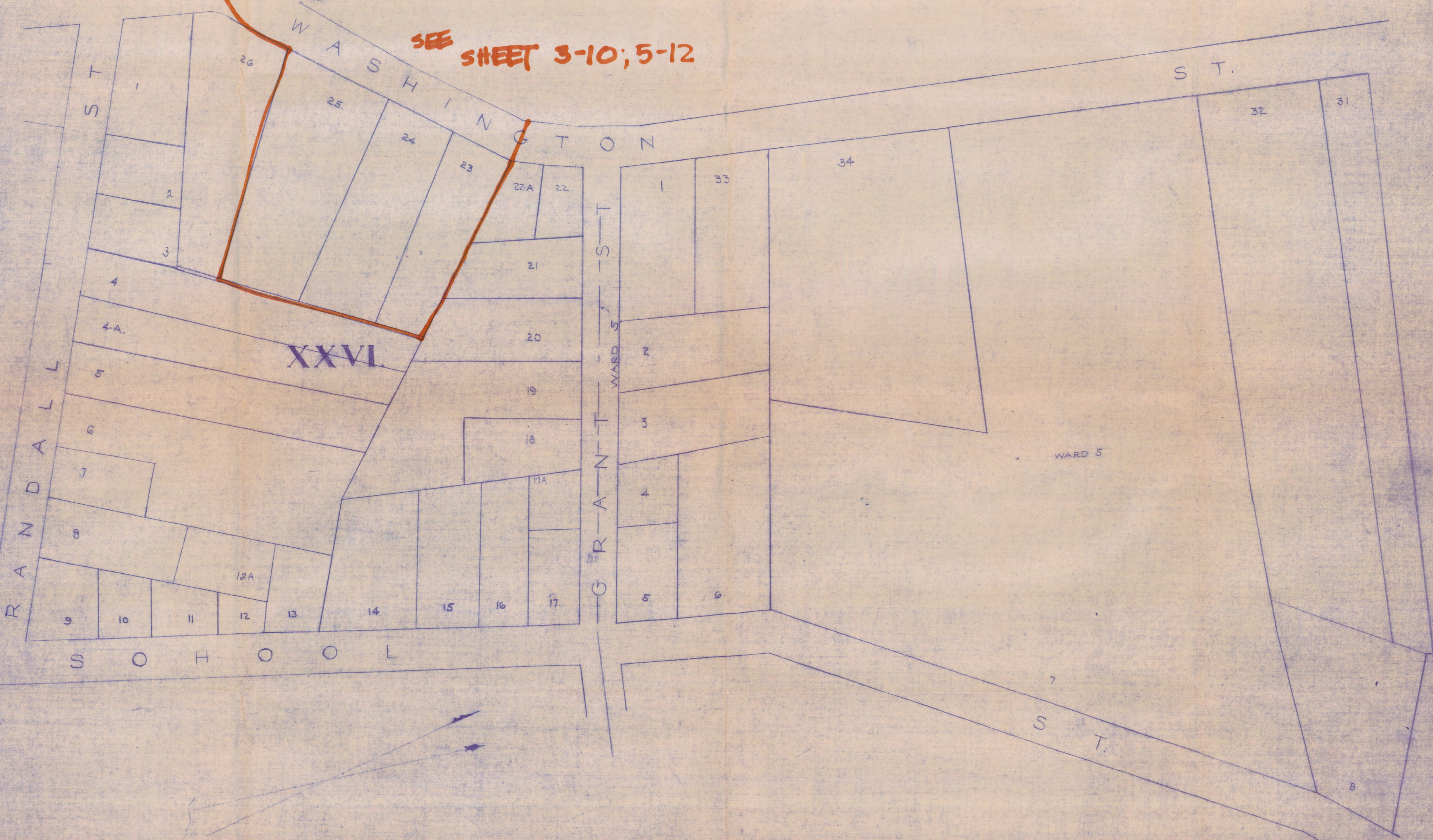
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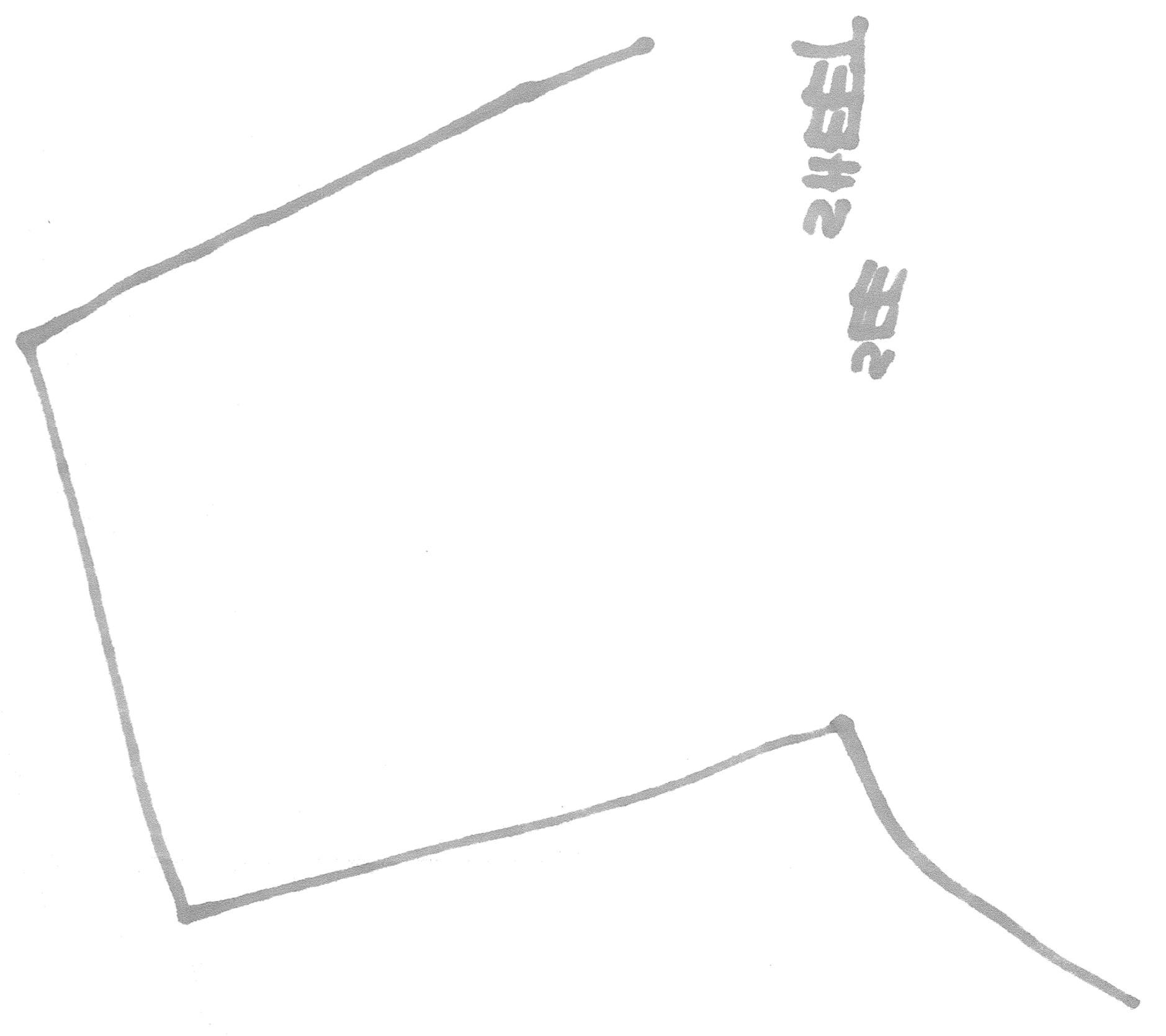
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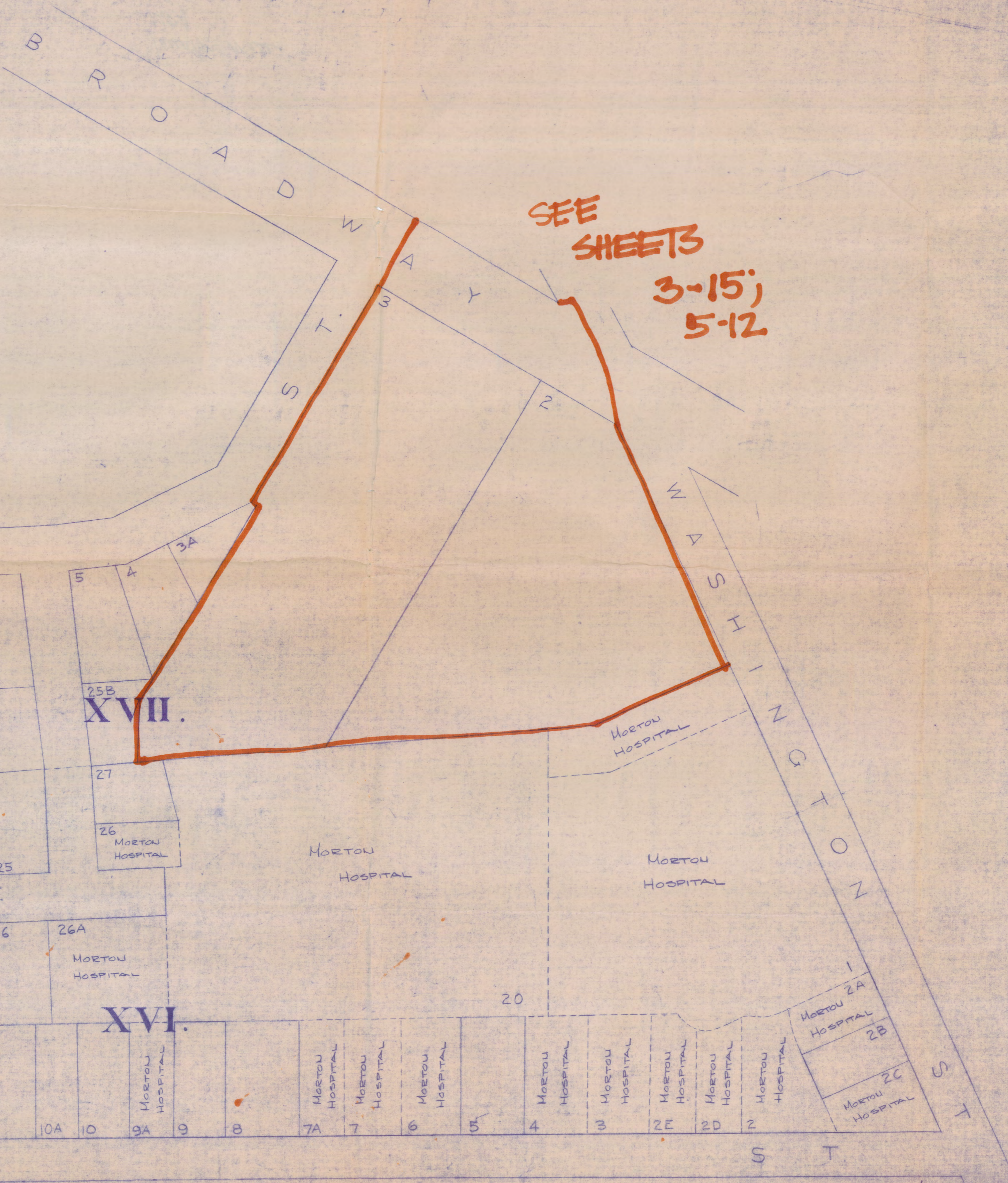


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NR-8 E-116-8



Taunton Mass
NRA
NR-8
St. Mary's Complex

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297