

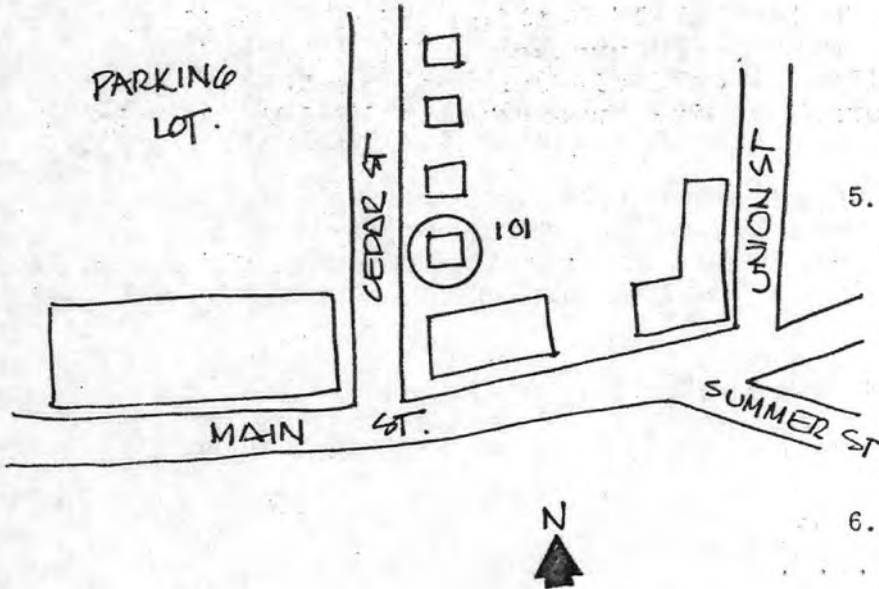
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C	101

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 Cedar Street
Name Historical Hall Union Mission Chapel
Present use Legion Hall

Present owner American Legion

3. Description:

Date 1867
Source Date Plaque
Style Gothic Revival
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Coursed Fieldstone
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See Attached

Altered windows Date c. 1970
Moved NO Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-4, PLAN-8, BLOCK-16, LOT-13

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by T.W./M.T.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 5-15-79

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Joseph Dean
 Original use Union Mission Chapel
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates See Below.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Legion Hall is an important architectural component of Taunton's central commercial district and one of the very few examples of stone construction in the City.

Built in 1867, the structure was financed by local philanthropist, Joseph Dean, as the "Union Mission Chapel", a place of worship for those Taunton parishioners who could not afford pews in the First Congregational Church. In 1881, the building was adopted by the "Association of Charities", to aid the local poor. Subsequent uses were its conversion to "Historical Hall", the artifact repository and meeting hall of the Old Colony Historical Society (1886-1926), and its sale to the American Legion (1926-present).

Description: The Gothic Revival hall is rectangular in plan, and is oriented with the gable end facing the street. Of coursed fieldstone construction, it features bold Gothic Revival details: an entrance set in a limestone-trimmed surround under a peaked hood mold, and elongated stilted arched windows with peaked stone lintels. Staggered corner quoins ornament the building's edges.

Legion Hall possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It is an ecclesiastical property deriving primary significance for its architectural distinction and its long historical associations with social humanitarian local history concerns in Taunton.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

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

- History of Bristol Co., MA, 1883
- History of Bristol Co., MA, 1924
- Interview, Carolyn Owen, O.C.H.S.

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

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Union Mission Chapel-Historical Hall
(Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.15.85
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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<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

Union Mission Chapel-Historic
 (Lanston M.A.)
 Woburn, Mass.
 MASSACHUSETTS

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: _____



AMERICAN LEGION

#101 Union Mission Chapel - Historical Hall
Taunton MA, Ma

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MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297