

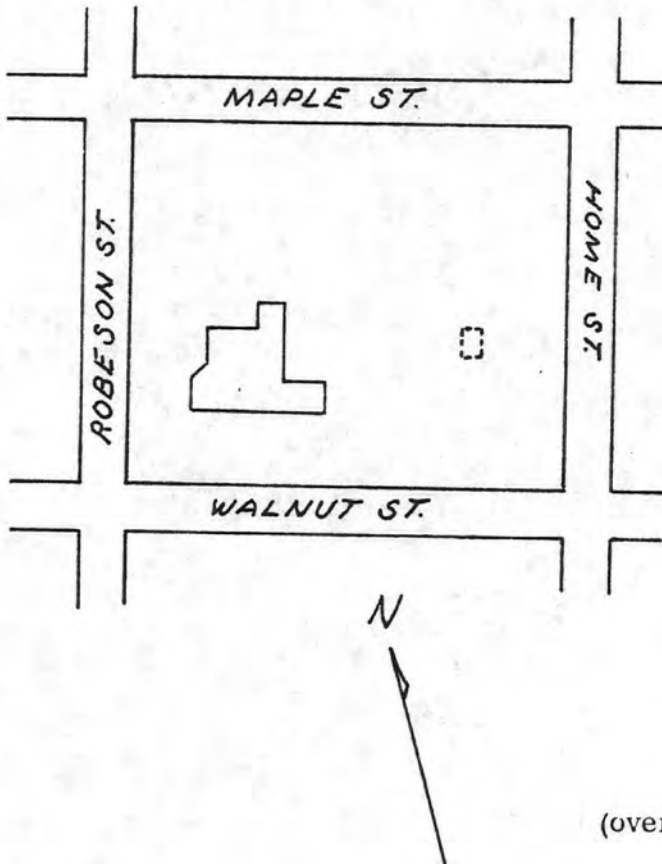
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	<u>M-15-40</u> <u>341</u>

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 Fall River, Mass.
Address 427 Robeson St.
Name Fall River Children's Home
Present use Offices

Present owner The Children's Home
3. Description: 2 1/2 story institutional Bldg.
Date 1894
Source Bldg. Permit #180
Style Colonial Revival
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric red brick
Outbuildings (describe) stick style picnic shelter
Other features unusual cross-gambrel roof, bracketed cornice brown stone trim, pedimented dormers, large front porch supported on raised columns.

Altered _____ Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____
5. Lot size: 90,411 sq. ft.
One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 301'
Approximate distance of building from street
25'
6. Recorded by Patricia Giza
Organization FROHP
Date Feb. 18, 1981

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Children's Home of Fall River

Original use Children's Home

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Children's Home is historically significant as one of the city's early social welfare agencies and architecturally notable as a brick Colonial Revival institution which successfully aims for a home-like rather than institutional appearance.

The substantial 1894 "home" is not typical of the Colonial Revival but does utilize elements associated with that style, including a columned porch, bracketed cornice, gambrel roof, and pedimented formers. The asymmetrical massing of the building, its complicated roofline of intersecting gambrels, and the elliptical window on the front facade and the use of brownstone trim are reminiscent of the earlier Queen Anne style. Although difficult to categorize stylistically, the well-crafted and virtually intact structure ranks among the city's best examples of late 19th century institutional architecture. Its appearance is enhanced by the setting on a large lot.

The Children's Home was founded in 1873 as a merger of the Fall River Orphan's Asylum and Children's Friend Society. It was intended to function as a home rather than an institution and originally occupied a house on the northwest corner of No. Main and President Avenue. A wooden building later erected on Robeson St. was replaced by the present structure in 1895.

For most of its history the Children's Home has been a favored city charity. In recent years it has provided a residential program for about 20 children ages 9 to 16 who stay an average of 3 years.

Because of its unusual style, fine workmanship, intact quality and long history as an important Fall River social institution, the Children's Home meets criteria A and C of the National Register, individually.

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

Bldg. Dept.- Children's Home-May 10, 1894-brick, stone and wood-corner Walnut & Robeson-home-48½X70½ \$22,000-Permit # 180-3 stories-Ell 17X26.7

Water Dept.-Children's Home-May 2, 1894-App. #5964

Atlas of Fall River-1895-Children's Home shown located corner Walnut & Robeson

1883-A children's Home is shown further east down Walnut St.
not same structure as on 1895 Atlas.

Phillip's History of Fall River-Vol. II - pg. 96

Fall River Herald News-April 15, 1947 & Oct. 14, 1977-pg.9

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Chace Mills

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 *Barbara J. [Signature]*

Attest

22. Chace, A. B., Rowhouses

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 *Helena Byers*

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23. Chace's, Oliver, Thread Mill

Entered in the
National Register

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24. Charlton Mill

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25. Chase-Hyde Farm

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26. Children's Home

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27. Church of the Ascension

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National Register

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28. Collins, William, House

Entered in the
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29. Connell, William M., School

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30. Cornell Mills

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NAME: The Childrens' Home

LOCATION: 427 Robeson Street
Fall River, ^{Ma} Mass.

PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1981)

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic
Preservation
One Government Center
Fall River, Mass. 02722
(PSNR-14-8)

IDENTIFICATION: The Childrens' Home
Front View, looking east

Photo # 1 of 2



INST. 5-25A

FALL RIVER CHILDREN'S HOME
427 ROBESON ST.

Fall River MRA, Ma
Children's Home

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279