

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. V	Form no. 549
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1. Town Taunton

Address Corner Winthrop and No. Walker S

Name Westville Congregational Church

Present use Church

Present owner Westville Congregational Chur

3. Description:

Date 1824

Source Stafford, History of Westvil

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered Wood shingles added. Date 1979

Moved Yes Date 1834

5. Lot size: WARD-1, PLAN-33, BLOCK-86, LOT-18

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre ☐

Approximate frontage 150'

Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by T.W./C.C.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 12/5/79

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.

SEE AREA MAP.

(over)

UTM: 19/322605/4639080

7. Original owner (if known) West Congregational Society
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	<u>x</u>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

The Westville Church is the central structure of Westville, occupying a prominent site at the crossroads of Winthrop St. and North and South Walker Streets. The West Congregational Society, composed of dissenters from the First Parish Church in Central Taunton, built a meeting house in Oakland, at the corner of Glebe and Oakland Streets, in 1792. This church was dismantled in 1824, however, and reconstructed on its present site, purchased from mill operator, John West, for \$100, in the same year.

It is presently the oldest standing church in the City.

Description: Built in the Federal Period, this church typifies New England Meeting house design in its gabled entrance projection, simple window treatment, and door surround consisting of pilasters supporting a cap-molded entablature. The structure features a one-tiered tower that forms a base for its polygonal cupola/belfry.

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

Charles Crowley, Notes
Stafford, History of Westville
Beers, 1871
Walker, 1881

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 549 540
Property Name: Westville Cong. Church	

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

Historical significance (cont.)

The Westville Congregational Church possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It is a religious property deriving primary significance for its architectural distinction as an outstanding local example of a Federal period meeting house and historical importance as the oldest church in the City of Taunton. Although moved from its original location (1834) the Westville Church has achieved both visual and historical significance at its present site for over 100 years. 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 ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 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

71. Vickery-Baylies House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	<u>7/5/84</u>
72. Vickery, Capt., David, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
73. Walker, Peter, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
74. Walker School	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
75. Washburn, Samuel, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
76. Washington School	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
77. Westville Congregational Church	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
78. Weir Engine House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
79. White, William L. Jr., House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	
80. Whittenton Fire and Police Station	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	<u>Shelous Byers</u> 7/5/84
		Attest	

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Westville 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
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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ 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

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 _____

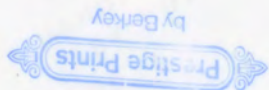
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



WESTVILLE CHURCH
WINTHROP ST

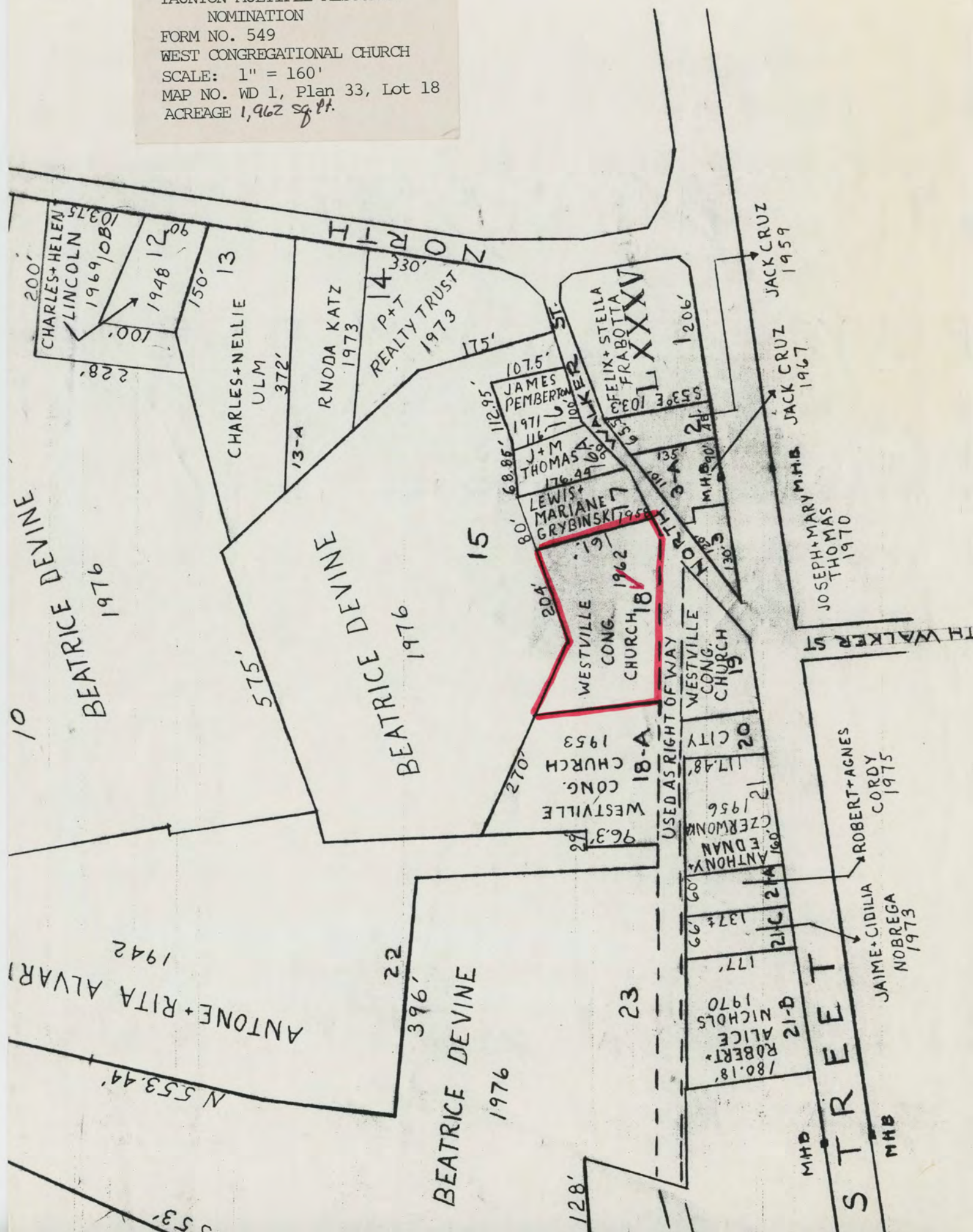
Westville Congregational Church
Trenton, N.J.



CT 1979

bhs#

ACREAGE 1,962 Sq. Ft.



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297