

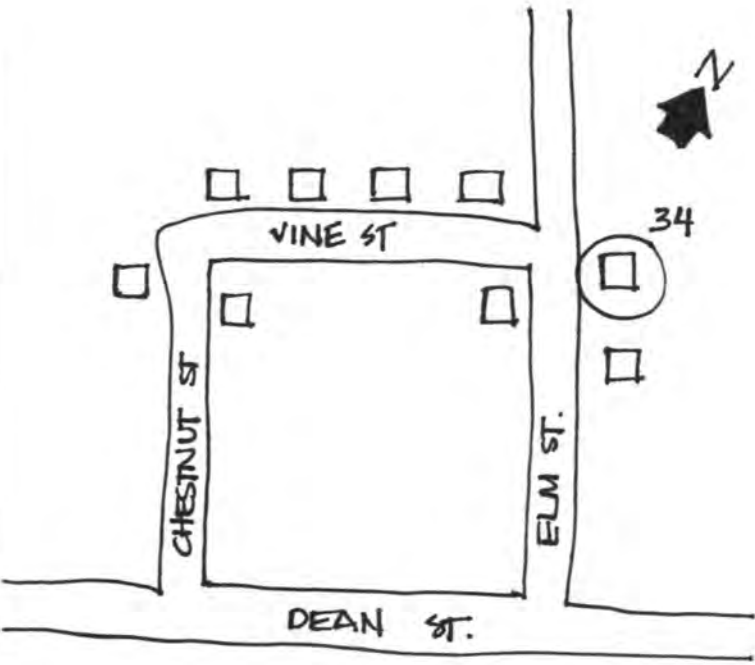
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. A	Form no. 34
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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 19 Elm St.  
Name Fairbanks-Williams House  
Present use apartments and residence

Present owner Martha Wordell

3. Description:  
Date 1852-53  
Source Everhard Upjohn, Upjohn  
Style Italianate

Architect Richard Upjohn

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See reverse.

Altered No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: WARD-4, PLAN-9, BLOCK-15, LOT-30C

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 245'

Approximate distance of building from street  
20'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S

Date 3/80

(over)

UTM: 19/326970/4640965

7. Original owner (if known) W.W. Fairbanks

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

19 Elm Street constitutes the only documented residence designed by Richard Upjohn in Taunton. It was built in 1852-53 for W.W. Fairbanks. Its major local significance, however, arises from its link with its subsequent owners—Abiathar King Williams, a textile manufacturer and businessman descended from early Weir Village captain Abiathar Williams, who lived here from 1865-1890, and Edward Lovering, president of Whittefton Mills, who resided in it from 1910-1940.

Description: The Italianate structure is arranged in a formal T-shaped plan with a boldly projecting central pavilion. Entrances, with double-leaved doors and set in segmental-arched surrounds, flank the central pavilion and are shielded by porches that are defined by an arcade of stilted segmental arches set on posts. Regularly-spaced 6/6 sash windows are set under peaked, pedimented hoods mounted on feet. The intersecting gable roof is introduced by a box cornice set with large blocks. The structure is crowned by a central cupola lit by round-arched windows interspersed with engaged columnettes.

The Fairbanks-Williams House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places as a carefully detailed and finely crafted house designed in the Italianate style by nationally renowned architect Richard Upjohn<sup>+</sup> for its historical association with 2 locally prominent industrialists from mid 19th to mid 20th century.

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

Taunton Historic District Commission

Boundaries conform to present lot lines.

# 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

21. Dean, George, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Melores Byers* 7-5-84

Attest

22. Dean-Hartshorn House

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National Register

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23. Dean, Jonathan, House

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24. Dean, Lloyd, House

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25. Dean, Theodore, House

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26. East Taunton Fire Station

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27. Eldridge House

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National Register

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28. Fairbanks-Williams House

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29. Field, Albert, Tack Company

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30. Fuller-Dauphin Estate

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Fairbanks-Williams 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  
Entered in the RETURN  
National Register REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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"/> unaltered    | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |   |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |   |
|                                    | <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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Fairbanks - Williams House

Taunton MA, Ma

MAY 1980

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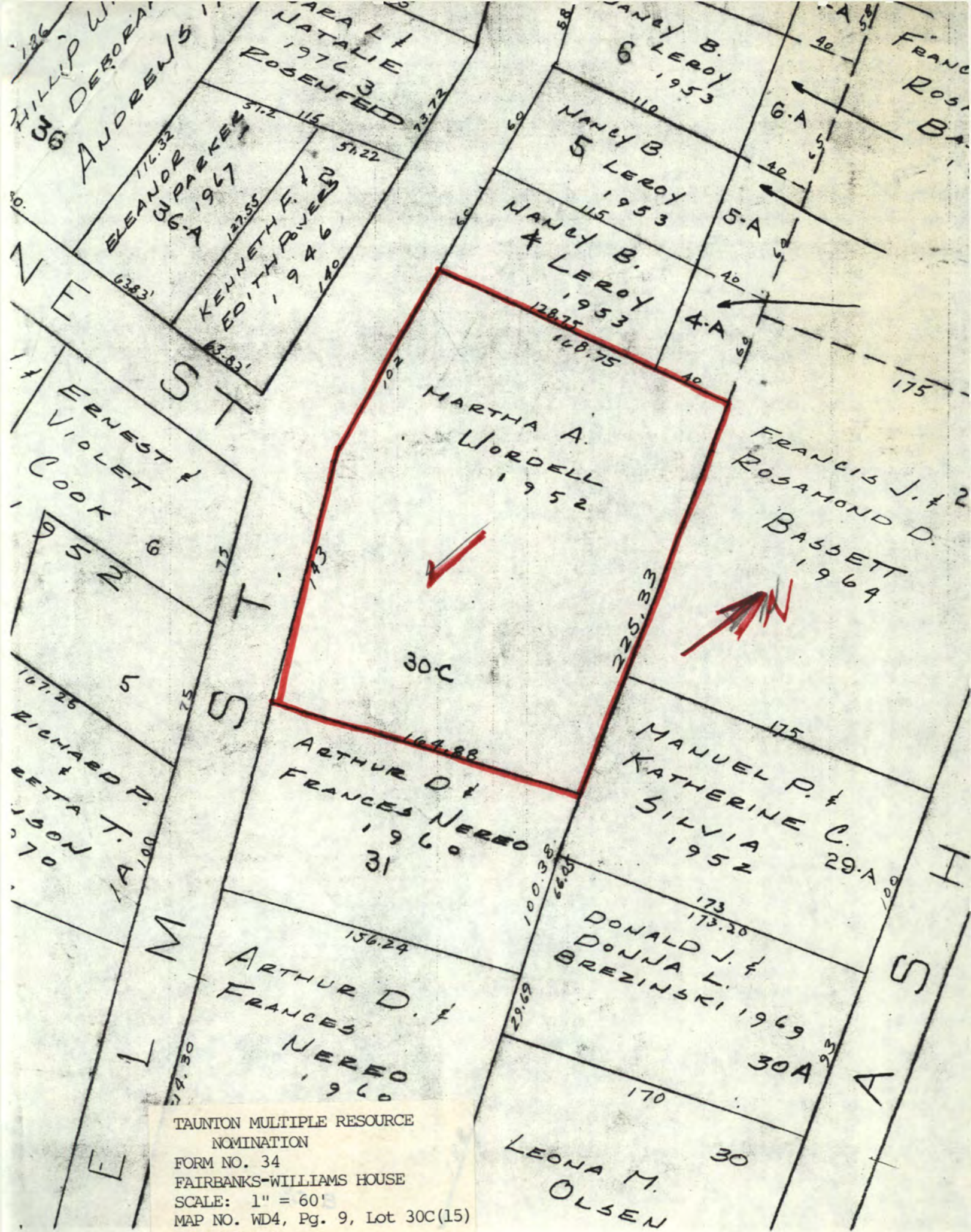
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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
 NOMINATION  
 FORM NO. 34  
 FAIRBANKS-WILLIAMS HOUSE  
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 ACREAGE 1.0

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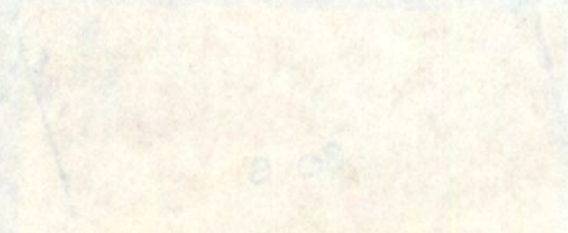
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297