

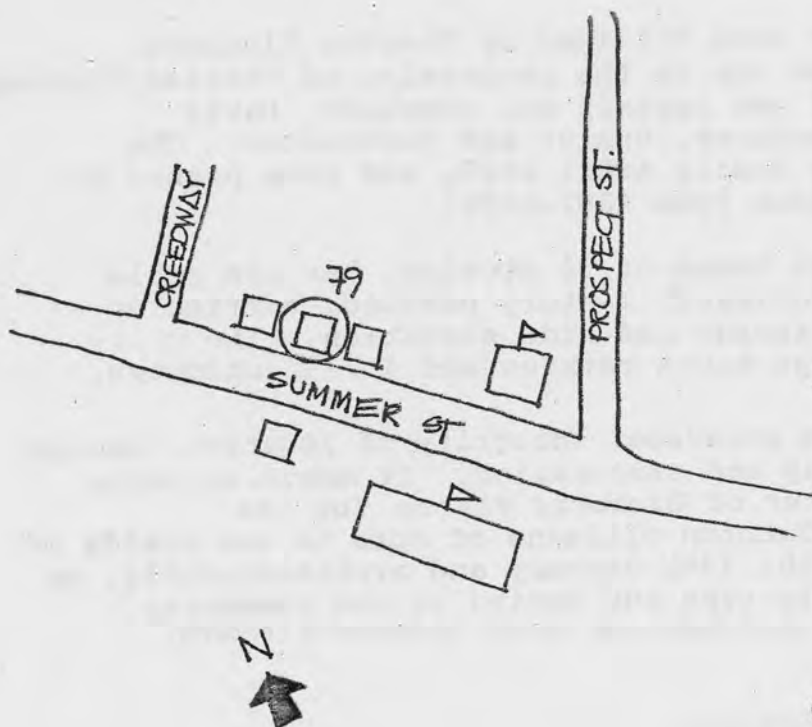
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. A	Form no. 79
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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 56 Summer Street
Name Vickery-Baylies House
Present use Residence; Doctor's office

Present owner Manuel Gomes

3. Description:

Date 1830

Source Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features See reverse

Altered Office added to rear Date 20th century

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD - 04, BLK - 13 LOT - 15

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 99.33'

Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 4/80

(over)

UTM: 19/326830/4640535

7. Original owner (if known) John Williams or Charles Richmond
Original use Residence
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Vickery-Baylies house supplies a now-rare example of the simply designed, but large-scale residences built during the Greek Revival period for Taunton's rising industrialist and merchant classes. It and the Tisdale-Morse Estate on Fayette Street (see Form #144) are the only standing vestiges of central hall Greek Revival architecture in the central area.

Built in 1830 for either John Williams or Charles Richmond, early mill operator, the house was in the possession of Charles Vickery by 1842. Vickery, the son of sea captain and merchant, David Vickery, was a textile manufacturer, banker and postmaster. The house remained in the Vickery family until 1899, and then passed to Nathaniel Fish, Mayor of Taunton from 1897-1899.

Description: The central hall house of 2½-stories, has its gable end facing the street and a dominant, 1-story portico, carried on fluted columns, wraps around facade and side elevation. The roofline is given emphasis by large eaves returns and 4 tall chimneys.

The Vickery-Baylies House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places for its Historical associations with Taunton citizens of note in the fields of industry and politics during the 19th century and architecturally, as a rare surviving example of its type and period in the community.

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

Taunton Historic District Commission

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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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

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

72. Vickery, Capt., David, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

73. Walker, Peter, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

74. Walker School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

75. Washburn, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

76. Washington School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

77. Westville Congregational
ChurchEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

78. Weir Engine House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

79. White, William L. Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

80. Whittenton Fire and
Police StationEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Vickery-Baylies 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	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: _____

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name County, State	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
Vickery-Baylies House Bristol County, Massachusetts	Taunton MRA	84002252

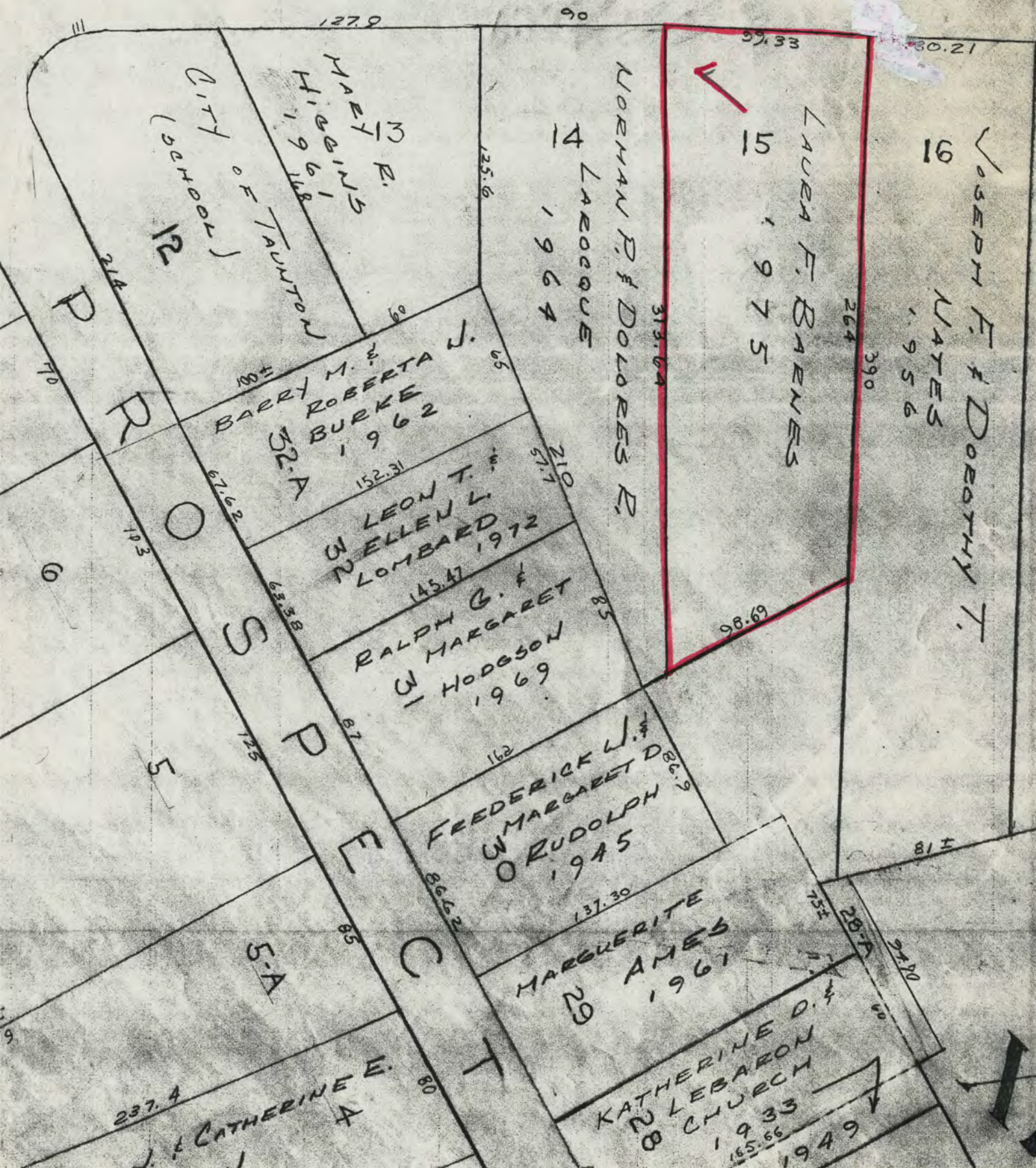
The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

☐ Nomination Form

☒ Photographs

☐ USGS Map

TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION
FORM NO. 79
VICKERY BAYLIES HOUSE
SCALE: 1" = 60'
MAP NO. WD4, Plan 7, Lot 15
ACREAGE *less than one*



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297