

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. D	Form no. 163
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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.

SEE AREA MAP.

1. Town Taunton ✓  
Address 19 Spring St. ✓  
Name Albert Field Tack Co. ✓  
Present use Offices/ Sporting  
Goods Manufacturing  
Present owner Al Smith

3. Description:  
Date 1868  
Source Date Plaque  
Style Italianate  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Common Bond Brick  
Outbuildings (describe) NONE  
Other features See attached.

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

5. Lot size: WARD-04 BLK-6 LOT-30A  
One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 197'  
Approximate distance of building from street  
12'

6. Recorded by T.W.  
Organization T.C.H.S.  
Date 6/5/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326510/4640485

7. Original owner (if known) Albert Field  
 Original use Tack Manufactory  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Pentacostal Church (1930's); Contractor's Office (1940-70's)

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 type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

An unusually high-style structure for an industrial building, the Albert Field Tack Works was one of Taunton's most illustrious iron-related manufacturing enterprises in the 19th century. The Italianate style main office building and its series of extensive brick ells occupies a site on the Mill River that was developed for industry in the early 18th century, when wool carding and dyeing and snuff production was undertaken by neighborhood mill owners.

Albert Field, a native of Sharon, Mass., began tack production on a small scale in the 1820's in two rooms that he leased from Roswell Ballard, owner of a mill on the site. By 1850, Field had purchased the mill, had hired additional labor and machines, and was producing an expanded line of gimp and upholstery tacks, brads and shoe nails. As a measure of the success of his business, Field had built the large brick, brownstone-trimmed office building in 1868, and began exhibiting his 2,200 varieties of nail products worldwide. By the 1880's, the company had expanded to occupy a second factory across the street and a third in Fairhaven, Mass.

Absorbed by the Atlas Tack Company in 1896, the factory continued to do well until 1902, when it went out of business, foreshadowing the waning of many other iron industries in Taunton.  
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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Interview, Al Smith, 6/5/79

Carolyn Owen, "Vignettes", #41, Old Colony Historical Society

Beers, 1871

Walker, 1881

Bristol County Atlas of Surveys, 1895

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 163
Property Name: Albert Field Tack Co.	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Subsequently, the building was used as a Pentacostal Church in the 1930's, and by tenant industries and contractor's offices in recent years.

The Albert Field Tack Company possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places. as an outstanding local example of high style Italiante industrial architecture which housed one of Taunton's most successful 19th century indurtries.

*boundaries conform to current 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

Silvius Byers 7-5-84

Attest

22. Dean-Hartshorn House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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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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National Register

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27. Eldridge House

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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

for Keeper

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Field, Albert, Tack Company (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84

Entered in the  
National Register

Action:  ACCEPT 7-5-84

RETURN

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

- excellent  deteriorated
- good  ruins
- fair  unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Field, Albert, Tack Company  
Taunton MRA, Ma

MAY 1980



by Berkey

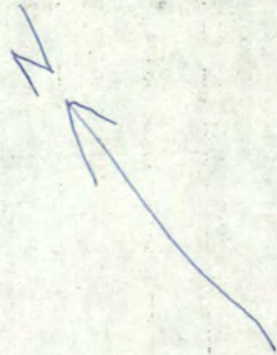
MAY 1980



by Berkey

TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
NOMINATION  
FORM NO. 163  
FIELD TRACK WORLD  
SCALE: 1" = 60'  
MAP NO. WD4, Pg. 6, Lot 30A  
ACREAGE .60

S  
G  
N  
I  
R  
A



BARBARA B.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297