

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

A

Form no.

45

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 40 Dean St. ✓
Name Old Colony Railroad Station ✓
Present use Building Supply Store

Present owner James C. Goff, Inc.

3. Description:

Date 1876

Source Hutt, History of Bristol Co.

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered 1-story brick Date Mid 20th Cen
addition; frame addition

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-04 BLOCK-04 LOT-20

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 3/80

UTM: 19/327280/4641040

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Old Colony Railroad Co.
 Original use Railroad Depot
 ✓ Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial retail

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Despite its contemporary brick and frame additions, the Dean Street Depot is a relatively intact example of yet another Taunton building designed in the Italianate style. Its major significance, however, lies in the fact that it is the only standing railroad depot in the city. Serviced in the late 19th century by several railroad lines, Taunton had depots in the Central area, Whittenton, East Taunton and Myricksville.

The depot was constructed in 1876 by the Old Colony Railroad, when it ran an extension branch through Taunton, largely due to the influence of Samuel Crocker, president of the Old Colony Iron Company in East Taunton, who lobbied for the railroad line's placement alongside his company's complex (see Area Form AZ - NR9)

Description: The 1½-story Italianate structure features a cross-gabled roof and brick walls laid in a common bond pattern. Entrances, on the end bays of all major elevations, have large, 5-paned transoms and granite lintels. Elongated windows are topped by granite lintels carried on feet. A wide, projecting overhang, on deep truss brackets, continues around the building, shielding its first story and platform area. The roof is accentuated by a cornice laid with console brackets and introduced by corbeled brickwork. Staggered granite quoins ornament the corners of the structure.

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

Hutt, History of Bristol Co., Mass., 1924, p. 209

Taunton Historic Distric Commission

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 45
Property Name: Old Colony Railroad Station	

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

9. Historical significance (continued)

The Old Colony Railroad Station possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places as a good local example of Italianate commercial architecture which stands as Taunton's most visible remaining link to the era when rail lines helped foster the city's prosperous industrial and commercial development.

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

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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

51. Mason, N. S., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

52. McKinstrey House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

53. Morse House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

54. Morse, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

55. North Taunton Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

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56. Old Colony Railroad Station

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

57. Old Weir Stove Company

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

58. Paull, Alfred, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

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59. Pilgrim Congregational Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

60. St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Colony Railroad Station (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: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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	

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



40 DEAN ST.

#45

Old Colony Railroad Station
Taunton MRA, Ma

MAY 1980

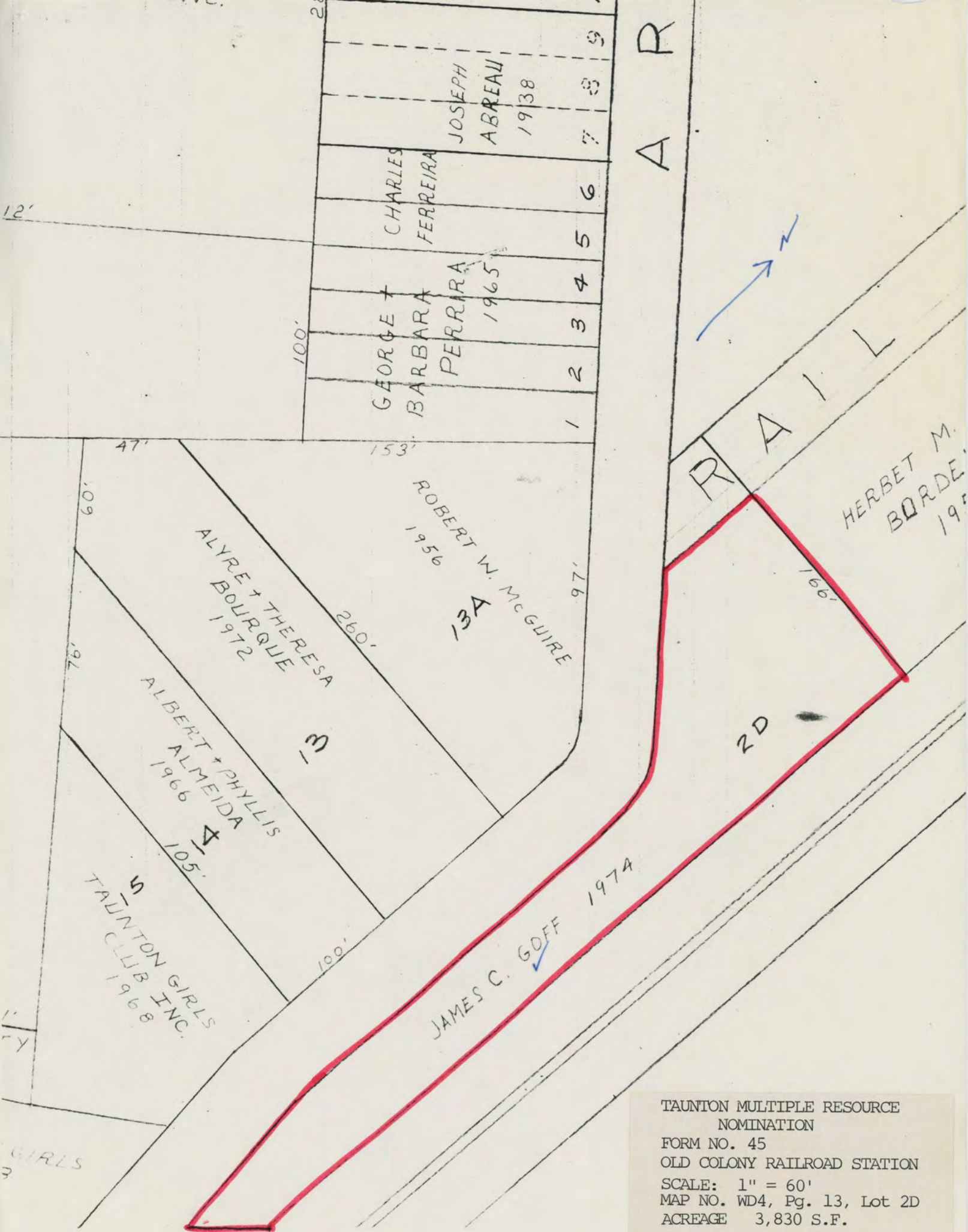


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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297