

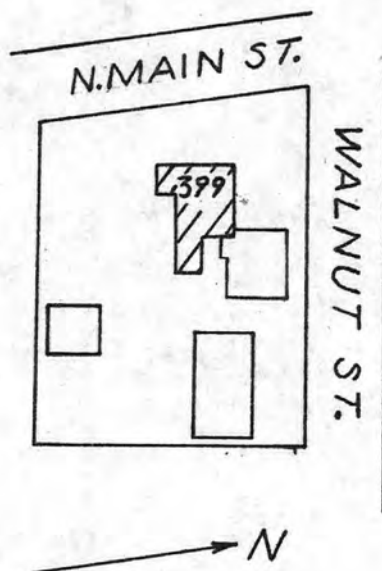
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
W.C.	266 0-11-11

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number HL-2-XIV-36

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fall River, Mass.

Address 399 No. Main Street

Name John Mace Smith House

Present use law offices

Present owner Jeffery S. Entin & Michael Sahady

3. Description: 1½ st. w/full Ionic portico

Date C. 1844

Source deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features pediment has dentil course at the flat & raking cornice; door boarded up. 5 columned portico

Altered 1st. addition Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 14,398 sq. ft.

One acre or less 'x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by Tom Dolan

Organization FROHP

Date 4/3/81

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) J. Mace Smith

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates law offices

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)

Small Greek Revival "temple front" house built C.1844 by J. Mace Smith. Deeds show that the land, part of the Rodman Farm was surveyed in 1837 and sold by Samuel Rodman to John M. Smith for \$1200 on 11/6/1843. Not much is known about Smith - he was associated with the American Print-works in 1859. The house was passed on to Lydia P. Fellows (daughter of J.M. Smith) & wife of the Rev. H.S. Fellows. In the 1890s John W. Coughlin, a physician lived here; he may be responsible for the building of the ell, as he kept his office and home here.

One of a cluster of outstanding Greek Revival houses on North Main St. built by early mill-owners and prosperous merchants in the downtown area after the 1843 fire. This building, like the majority of the others has certain signature elements reminiscent of Russell Warren's work-most notably the cantilevered "flying staircase", floor plan and molding details. The high quality of design and workmanship may be attributable to Russell Warren, a prominent R.I. architect and proponent of the Greek Revival. The high architectural quality, the relative scarcity of buildings of this age & type, and their association with figures important in the industrial and commercial development of Fall River; These facts together show that the property meets Criteria A & C of the National Register.

*J. M. Smith
5/6/03*

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

Atlas 1895: shown
1883: shown, Rev. H.S. Fellows
1871: J.M. Smith
1858: J.M. Smith
1850: J.M. Smith

Directory 1853: J. Mace Smith, h. 119 No. Main St.
1859 J. Mace Smith at American Printworks, h. 119 No. Main St.
1892 John W. Coughlin, physician, 121 No. Main, h. do.

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 Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Read, Nathan, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce M. Doyle

Attest

72. Ruggles Park

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

73. Sagamore Mill No. 2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

74. Sagamore Mills #1 and #3

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

75. Sanford Spinning Co.

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

76. Santo Christo Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

77. Seaconnet Mills

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

78. Smith, John Mace, House

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National Register

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2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

79. St. Anne's Church and Parish
Complex

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

80. St. Joseph's Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Smith, John Mace, House (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/16/83

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	

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NAME: John Mace Smith House

LOCATION: 399 North Main Street
Fall River, ^{MA} Mass.

PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1982)

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic
Preservation
One Government Center
Fall River, Mass. 02722
(PSNR-17-3)

IDENTIFICATION: John Mace Smith House
Photo # 1 of 2 Front Facade, looking east



Fall River MRA, Ma

HL 2 XIV #36A

399 North Main St.

John Mace Smith House

Fall River, Mass.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

September 17, 1982

Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Re: 399 North Main Street
Historic Site
Fall River Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Weslowski:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 26, 1982. It is our desire to have the building located at 399 North Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts considered for nomination by the State Review Board to the National Register of Historic Places. We believe that the structure both qualifies and merits such recognition for the following reasons:

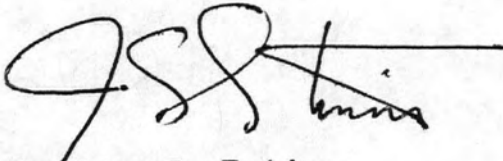
1. The building exhibits outstanding architectural qualities which have recently been completely restored, both on the interior and exterior. It is a classic Greek Revival "temple front" house built in 1844.
2. The original architecture has remained relatively unchanged.
3. Important people lived and worked in this building such as: its original owner, John Mace Smith, founder of American Print-works, Dr. John W. Coughlin, Reverend H.S. Fellows and Dr. Albert Perron.
4. The building is located within a naturally historic district near many old homes, which

Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
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are presently listed with the Massachusetts
Historical Commission and Fall River
Preservation Society, and across from the
Bristol County Superior Courthouse.

Enclosed is copy of the Form B listing for this building
together with a number of photographs depicting it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JSE', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey S. Entin

JSE/app

Enclosure