

In Area no.	Form no.
	259

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

1. Town Taunton ✓  
 Address 40 Vernon St. ✓  
 Name Washington School ✓  
 Present use Vacant

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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 Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Present owner Frank Sousa, Trustee  
MPS Trust

3. Description:  
 Date 1897  
 Source City Records

Style Elements of Italianate, Georgian  
Revival

Architect Gustavus L. Smith

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

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

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

5. Lot size: WARD - 1, PLAN - 15, BLOCK - 14, LOT - 23

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

Approximate frontage 200'

Approximate distance of building from street  
75'

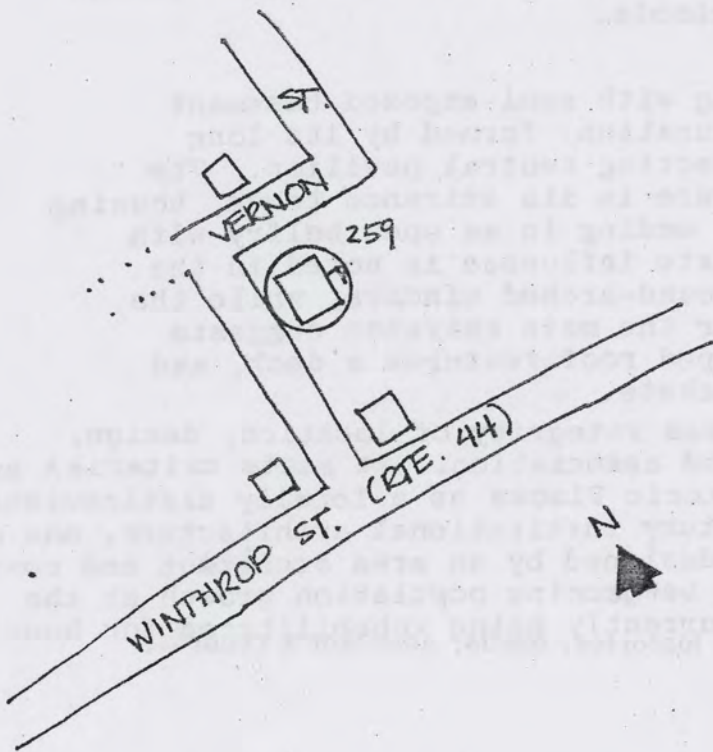
6. Recorded by T.W./C.C.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 3/80

UTM: 19/325380/4640140

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Taunton  
 Original use School  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Washington School is the fifth oldest masonry school still standing in Taunton. It was constructed during the City's extensive building program of area schools and public buildings in the 1880-1930 period. Named for George Washington, it was built as a primary school in 1897 to relieve overcrowded conditions in other centrally located schools, most notably, Cohannet St., Pine St. and Winthrop St. schools.

Description: The 2 story building with semi-exposed basement is organized in a T-shaped configuration, formed by its long main block and intersecting, projecting central pavilion. The structure's most outstanding feature is its entrance tower, housing round-arched entrance opening and ending in an open belfry with belcast pyramidal roof. Italianate influence is noted in the structures series of elongated, round-arched windows, while the large, semi-circular fanlight over the main entrance suggests Georgian Revival design. The hipped roof features a deck, and has a projecting cornice with brackets.

The Washington School 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 locally distinguished example of eclectic late 19th century institutional architecture, one of three schools (see #141 and 473) designed by an area architect and constructed in response to Taunton's burgeoning population growth at the end of the 19th century. It is currently being rehabilitated for housing

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

Municipal Records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: <i>Taunton</i>	Form No: <i>259</i>
Property Name: <i>Washington School.</i>	

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

Historical Significance (cont.)

following the Secretary of Interior's Standrads/

*boundaries conform to current lot lines.*

Staple to Inventory form at bottom



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Washington School (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 6/24/84 - 7/5/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 7-5-84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- 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
<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

Wesleyan School (T. Amos R. A.)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

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



Washington School  
Taunton MRA, Ma

by Berkey

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MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey



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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
 NOMINATION  
 FORM NO. 259  
 WASHINGTON SCHOOL  
 SCALE: 1" = 60'  
 MAP NO. Wd 1, Pg. 15, Lot 23  
 ACREAGE *less than one*

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N O R T H

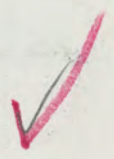
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 PEGRAM W.  
 MACCUS A. JR.  
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 85  
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 86 MEDEIROS  
 1971  
 ARTHUR & LILLIAN  
 150  
 87 GUNHA  
 1974  
 MARGARET C.  
 GILBERT F. JR.  
 150  
 EUGENIO  
 DEMELO  
 1973  
 88  
 JOSE & MARIE  
 PROMECO  
 1969  
 89

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 CITY OF TAUNTON  
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 BROOK  
 EDNA M. SYLVA  
 22A

22  
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 1973  
 FRECHE  
 ROLAND E. & ANN A.  
 98  
 CAUDAGE R  
 CLARK  
 1975  
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 DIVAETE  
 LIDUINA  
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 DE MELO  
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 1977  
 W.M. WARRAGE LAMBERT  
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109  
 31  
 DE FRANCIS



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297