

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. K	Form no. 323
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1. Town Taunton ✓

Address 15-17 Plain St. ✓

Name Stone House ✓

Present use Residence

Present owner A. & E. Medeiros

3. Description:

Date 1847

Source Date Plaque

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Coursed Stone Blo

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD 6 PLN-12 BLK-43-LOT-10

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 69.5'

Approximate distance of building from street

6'

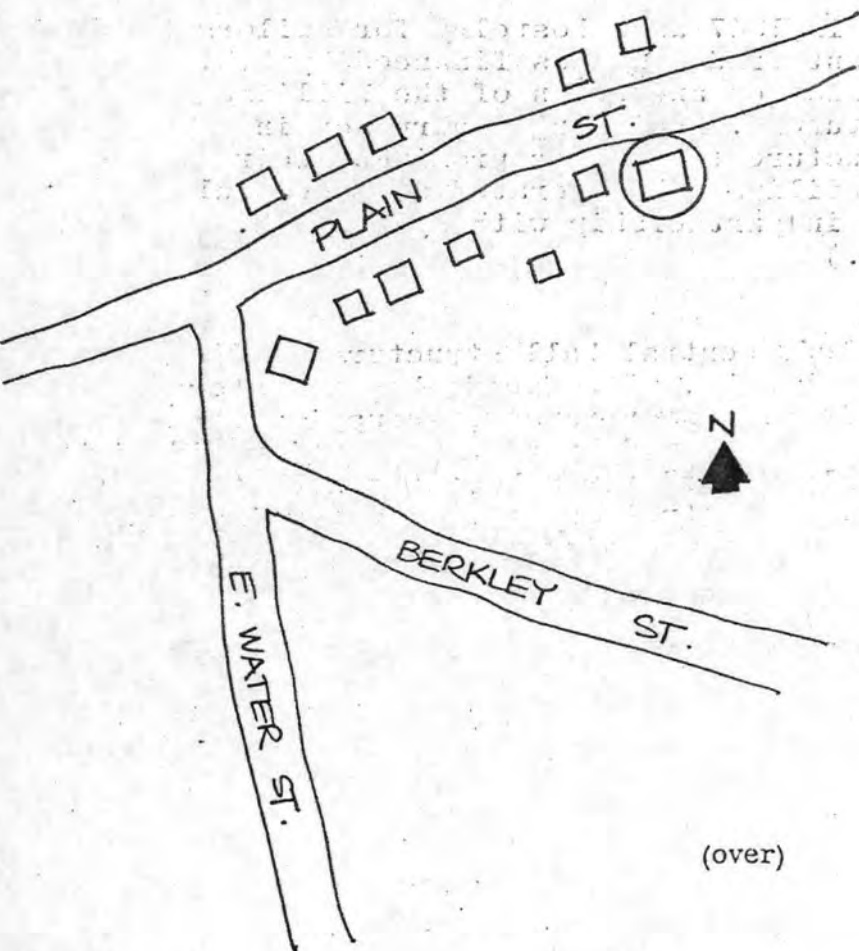
6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 8/29/79

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.



(over)

UTM: 19/326750/4638885

7. Original owner (if known) G.W. Williams
 Original use Tenement
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Monumentally-scaled and constructed of coursed and uncoursed stone blocks, 15-17 Plain St. is one of the outstanding architectural elements of Weir Village and an extraordinary example of Greek Revival design. It and the "Stone Cottage" at 66 Winthrop St. are the only standing residential structures built of stone that date from the Greek Revival Period in the city.

The building was built in 1847 as a hostelry for sailors and others in the sea merchant trade and was financed by G.W. Williams, prominent Weir landowner and scion of the Williams family, early brick manufacturers. Declaring bankruptcy in 1867, Williams sold the structure to another prominent Weir industrialist, William H. Phillips, who operated a successful shipping and coal operation in partnership with Sylvanus N. Staples (Staples & Phillips.)

Description: The broad-gabled, central hall structure is 2½ stories tall. Its coursed stone facade has a 1-story porch with square granite piers. Two entrances, occupying the interior bays of the facade, are framed by narrow, partial sidelights. 2/1 sash windows are regularly placed throughout the structure and are capped by stone lintels. A central gable window terminates in a round-arched transom with intersecting tracery.

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

Beers, 1871
Walker, 1881
Hunbar, 1850

- INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 323
Property Name: Stone House	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

The Stone House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places as a rare surviving Greek Revival style stone house in Taunton and for its historical association with two prominent Weir industrialists and Taunton's shipping economy in the 19th century.

Boundaries conform to present lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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

- | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 61. School Street School | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 62. Staples, Sylvanus N., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 63. Stone House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 64. Sweet, Albert, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 65. Taunton Alms House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 66. Taunton Public Library | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 67. Thomas, H. P., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 68. Tisdale-Morse House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 69. Union Congregational Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |
| 70. Union Mission Chapel-
Historical Hall | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stone House (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 21 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 6-21-84 / 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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<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

Stone House (Tabor) N.H.
 Byrdsof County
 MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege 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: _____



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Stone House

Taunton MRA

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by Berkey

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MAY 1980

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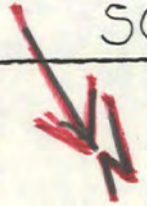
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XLIII.

SCALE - 60' =

YAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
 NOMINATION
 FORM NO. 323
 STONE HOUSE
 SCALE: 1" = 60'
 MAP NO. WD6, Plan 12, Lot 10
 ACREAGE .55



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297