

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	361

1. Town Taunton ✓
 Address 68 Winthrop St. ✓
 Name Samuel Washburn House
 Present use Gift Shop/Residence

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number _____

Present owner Antonio Galarza

3. Description:
 Date c. 1860

Source Style; OCHS Records

Style Italian Villa

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Stone Blocks

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-02 PLAN-4 BLK-8 LOT-6

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 180.4'

Approximate distance of building from street

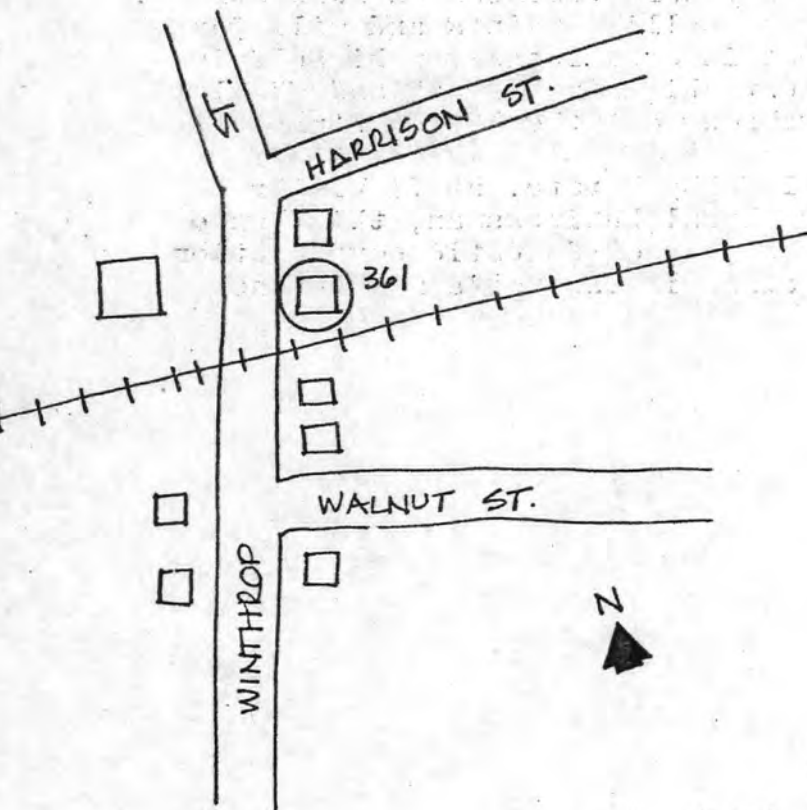
40'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 9/2/79

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



(over)

UTM: 19/325970/4640295

7. Original owner (if known) Salmon Washburn
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Of the high-style Italianate components of Winthrop Street, this building is the closest in derivation from true Italian Villa architecture, expressed in its square plan and stuccoed wall surface. The similarity in doorway treatment between this house and that of 101 Somerset Ave. may suggest a common carpenter, Abel Burt, who is credited with the construction of the latter structure.

The house was built in c. 1860 for Salmon Washburn, who ran a furniture, housewares and hardware business on Main Street. Washburn began his business career selling paints and oils for his father in the 1820's and went into business for himself in 1840. After Washburn's retirement, his sons, Frank and Charles, carried on the family business throughout the 19th century.

Like the neighboring Samuel Colby Estate, at 74 Winthrop St., also built for a prosperous local businessman, this house is typical of the quality and opulence of domestic construction affordable by the upper middle class in Taunton's most economically stable period.

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

Beers, 1871
Walker, 1881
Bristol Co. Atlas of Surveys, 1895

Taunton City Directory, 1871

OCHS Records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 361
Property Name: "Villa 44" <i>Samuel Washburn Hse.</i>	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Description: Exhibiting a square plan, the structure is 2 stories and has a very low-pitched hipped roof that appears flat from eye level. Its wall surface of stone blocks is stuccoed and scored. Dominating the facade is a bold, semi-circular-arched doorway inset with an elaborate cast-iron screen, cast in foliate pattern, in the transom area. 6/6 windows are elongated and topped by hoods supported on ancons. A very broad, box cornice and projecting eaves shields a frieze with attic windows on the side elevations.

Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, "Villa 44" meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places for the excellent preservation and locally unique character of its spare Italianate style architectural design.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Washburn, Samuel, House (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 2-5-84
 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

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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: _____



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Taunton MRA, Ma

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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION

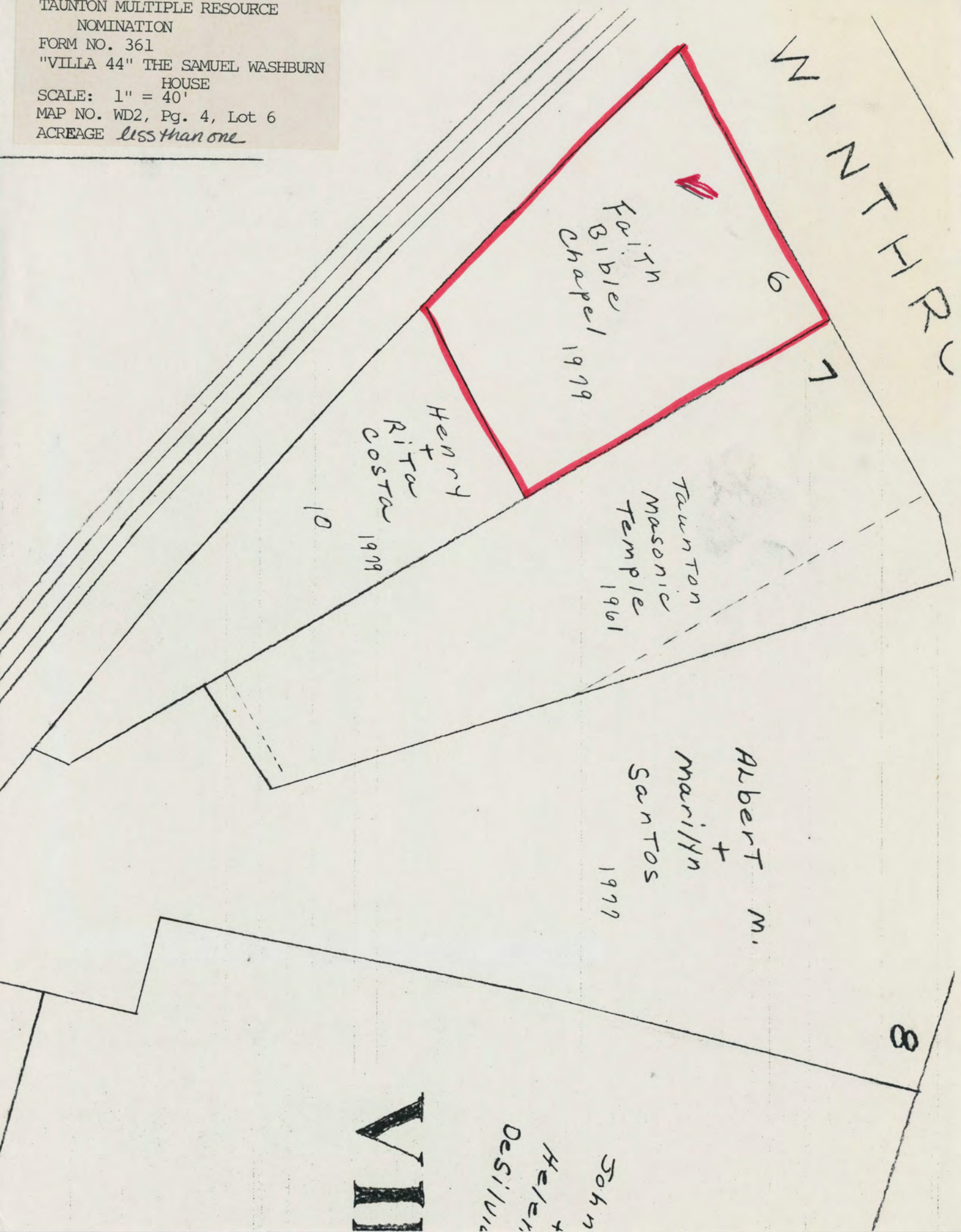
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"VILLA 44" THE SAMUEL WASHBURN
HOUSE

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD2, Pg. 4, Lot 6

ACREAGE *less than one*



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297