

FORM B - BUILDING

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

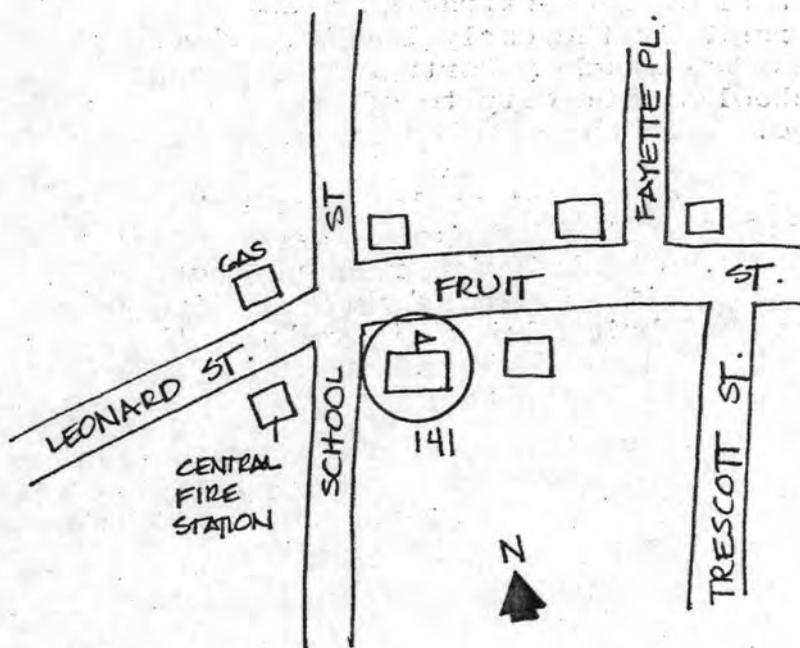
In Area no.

Form no.

141

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 Corner School and Fruit Sts.
Name School Street School
Present use Board of Health; Office
Present owner City of Taunton

3. Description:

- Date 1896-97
Source School Records
Style Georgian Revival
Architect Gustavus L. Smith
Exterior wall fabric Brick
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See attached.

- Rear entrance porch
Altered rebuilt Date 1979
Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD 4, PLAN B, BLK-18, LOT-29
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 340'
Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by T.W./ C.C.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 10/79
UTM: 19/326735/4640970

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use SchoolSubsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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)

This structure is one of the very few remaining 19th century brick schools still standing in Taunton. Built in 1896-97 by F.D. Williams, from the designs of architect, Gustavus L. Smith, it has subdued, but clear, Georgian Revival details and a simple plan--characteristics of many late 19th and early 20th century schools in the Northeast.

As the North Central area of Taunton attracted a large population of Portuguese immigrants in the early 1900's, School Street School's enrollment was dominated by Portuguese children, and was the only school in the city to offer courses in the native language.

Description: Of 2 stories and a simple, rectangular plan, the school features Georgian Revival details that include corner quoins and Palladian-type windows. The building retains one of its two original entrance porches, with chamfered posts ending in Corinthian capitals. A corbeled brick frieze introduces the structure's slate-sheathed hipped roof with deck.

The School Street School possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of Taunton's best preserved schools built during an era of educational reform at the end of the 19th century and one which has important

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

School Report, 1897

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:

Taunton

Form No:

141

Property Name: School St. School

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

Historical significance (cont.)

historical associations with the city's Portugese population.

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

For NPS use only

received

MAY 21 1984

date entered

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

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

School Street School (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: _____

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ 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

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



141 School Street School

Taunton MRA, Ma

MAY 1980



by Berkey

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MAY 1980

TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION

FORM NO. 141
SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL

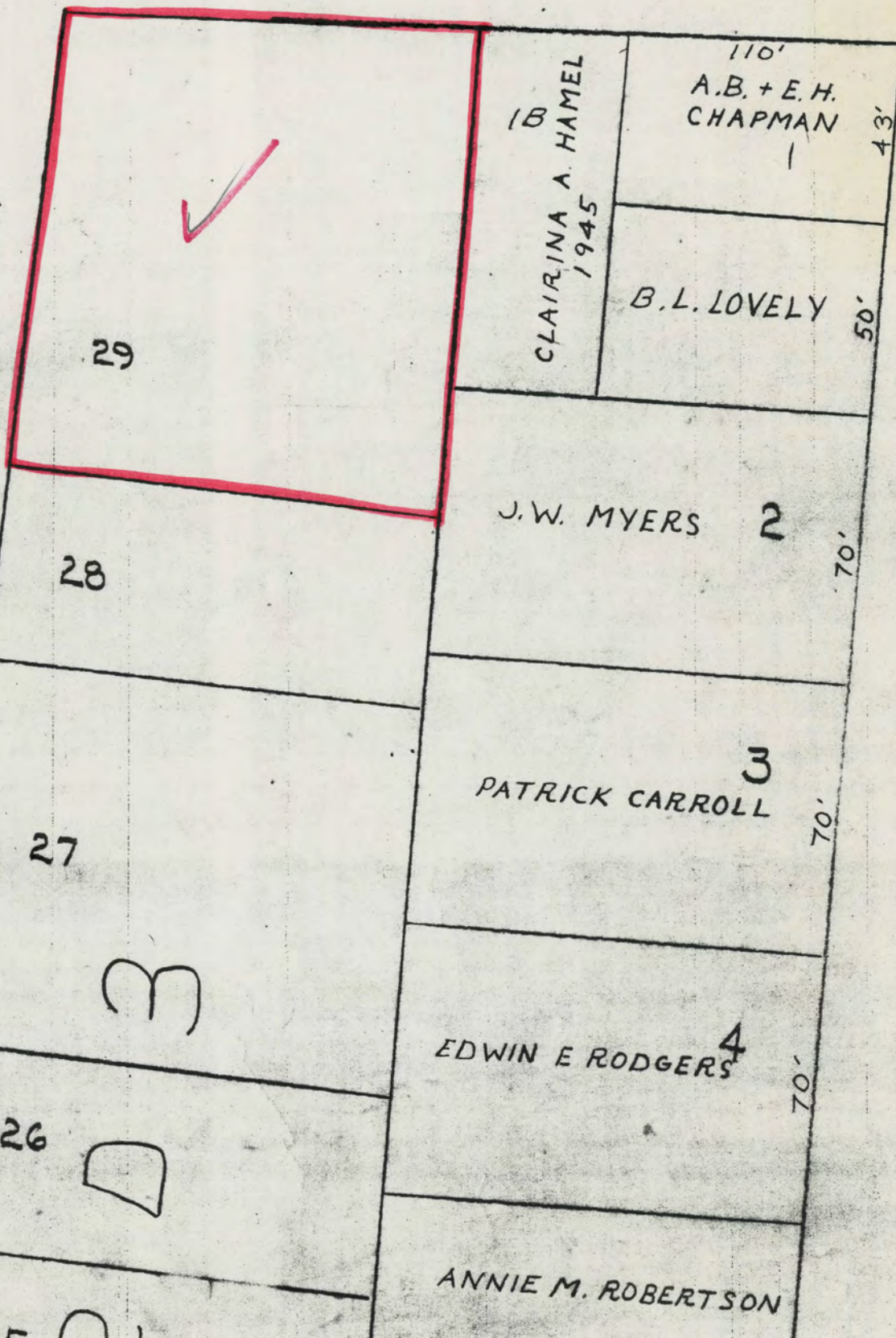
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MAP NO. WD 4, Pg. 8, Lot 29

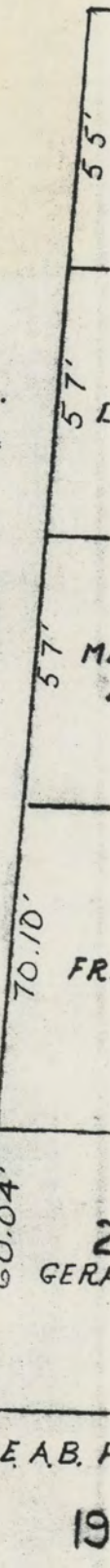
ACREAGE - *less than one*

F R U I T

S T.



S T.



Shirley Schuyler

W D & pg 8 lot 29

1" = 40'

Date: unknown
scale: 1" = 40'

W D & pg 8 lot 29

acres: unknown

form # 141



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297