

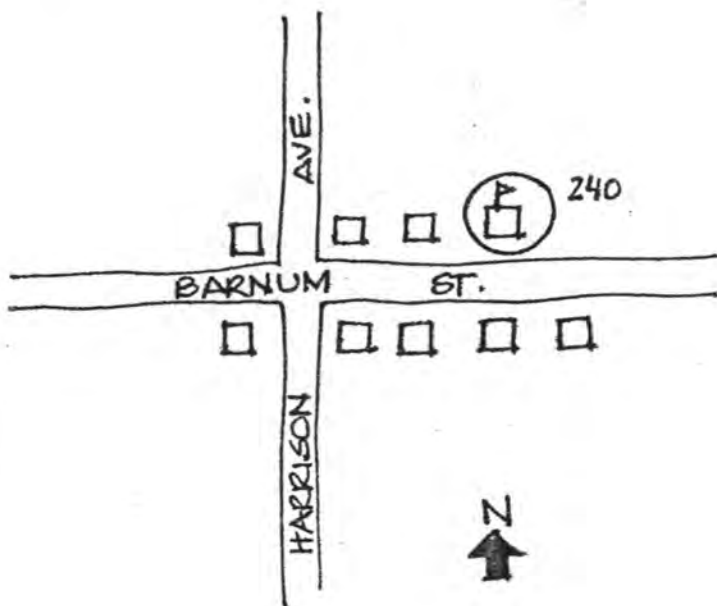
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	240

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 Barnum St. ✓
Name Barnum School ✓
Present use School

Present owner City of Taunton

3. Description:

Date 1926
Source City Records
Style Georgian-Revival
Architect Walter H. Barker, Contractor
George W. Briggs, Architect
Exterior wall fabric Brick
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See Attached.

Altered No Date _____
Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-2, PLAN-11, BLOCK-24, LOT-29

One acre or less .41 Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 95'
Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by TW
Organization TCHS
Date 9-20-79

UTM: 19/326140/4639960

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City
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	_____				

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

The Barnum School is one of three extant schools in Taunton built in the 1920's in the Georgian Revival Style. Its semi-fireproof construction, and generously proportioned classrooms were two of the many features that characterized the structure as the most modern in school design in an era of continuing educational reform.

The school replaces a previous one on the site, the "Barnum St. School," which burned in 1926.

Description: The square building is 2 stories and has a 3-bay facade occupied by a central projecting bay enclosing the major entrance. Other portions of the wall surface have filled-in windows, that now appear as large brick panels. The roofline is accentuated by a cornice, and brick parapet, and a central scro-led plaque with finial, bearing the school's name.

The Barnum School possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places standing with the Hopewell School (#240) as Taunton's best preserved examples of the 20th century public educational architecture reflecting current population trends and ideas of education reform of the time.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

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

-1926, Municipal Register

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 9

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cove 7/5/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

-50 1. Roseland Substantive Review

Keeper

- Reject

Attest

2. Old Colony Iron Works-Nemasket
Mills ComplexEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

3. Reed and Barton Complex

Entered in the
National Register

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4. St. Mary's Complex

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5. Whittenton Mills Complex

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6. Hopewell Mills District

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National Register

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Attest

7. Taunton Green Historic
District

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Bruce M. Dwyer 3/1/85

Attest

8. Atwood, Charles R., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

9. Barnum School

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 7/5/84

Attest

10. Bartlett, J. C., House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Bruce M. Dwyer

Attest

7/5/84

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Barnum 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	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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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



#240

Barnum School
Taunton MRA, Ma



Prestige Prints

by Berkey

W

MAY 1980



Prestige Prints

by Berkey

NOMINATION

BARNUM SCHOOL

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD 2, Pg. 11, Lot 29

ACREAGE *less than one.*

Fernandes

John
+
O19a
1977

+ Donna
rra
1977

Barbara
OTT
1929

inc
ra

n	
reT	RUTH

29

Barnum
School

CITY OF
Taunton

30

Fay
+
Hebert
Williams
1978

W Sophie Swartz
Ra Kalowsky

SWARTZ, Kenneth
+ Ronald

1973

Edward J.

Ida.

LaPre 1962

33

William J.
Barbara A
Yvill
1962

William H
Stevenson
1951

Angelina
Langill

1979

23C

Steinberg
Herbert
G

32

WA

6

37

2-1-11
1-1-11
AD

240

10 x
29

BARNUM
School
BARNUM
St

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297