

FORM B - BUILDING

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

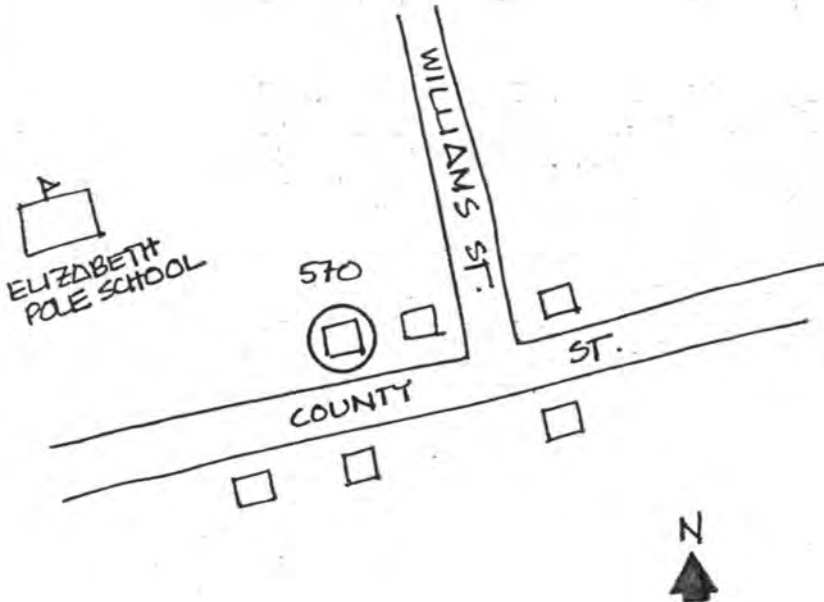
In Area no.	Form no.
	570

1. Town Taunton ✓  
 Address 172 County St. ✓  
 Name Eldridge House ✓  
 Present use Residence  
 Present owner John K. Medeiros

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

3. Description:  
 Date c. 1850  
 Source Deeds, City Directories  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings (describe) Small Frame shed  
 Other features See attached.

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



Altered No Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lot size: <sup>PLAN-19</sup> WARD-04 BLK.-30 LOT-2  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 187'  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
15'  
 6. Recorded by T.W.  
 Organization T.C.H.S.  
 Date 10/29/79

(over)

UTM: 19/327690/4640080

7. Original owner (if known) N. Eldridge  
 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 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)

172 County St. is a virtually unaltered example of a Greek Revival house type that is very rare in Southeastern Massachusetts. It is characterized by a very broad-gabled facade that is entered through a central door, and which incorporates more than one upper level within the span of its gable roof. Commonly, these houses were built in the 1840's throughout Northern Worcester County, Southern New Hampshire and the Connecticut River Valley, extending from Central Massachusetts through Vermont.

This structure was probably built in c. 1850 for N. Eldridge, a laborer, in what was then a small farming settlement surrounding the junction of County and Williams Streets. Eldridge's widow continued to live here until the 1880's.

Description: The broad gabled, central hall house features 2 upper levels in its gable. Its doorway is trimmed by a classical pilaster and entablature surround, and is framed by sidelights. 6/6 sash windows have wood lintelboards and sills. Walls are defined by corner pilasters and eaves returns.

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 Directories, 1857, 1866  
 Bristol Co. Registry of Deeds, Liber 161, p. 422

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: 570
Property Name: Eldridge House	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

The Eldridge House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places as an excellently preserved and sole surviving example of this mid 19th century residential house type in Taunton.

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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received MAY 21 1984  
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

21. Dean, George, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

22. Dean-Hartshorn House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

23. Dean, Jonathan, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

24. Dean, Lloyd, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

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Attest

25. Dean, Theodore, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

26. East Taunton Fire Station

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

27. Eldridge House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

28. Fairbanks-Williams House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

29. Field, Albert, Tack Company

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

30. Fuller-Dauphin Estate

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Delores Byers 7-5-84*

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Eldridge House (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/15/84

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

<b>Condition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<b>Check one</b> <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	<b>Check one</b> <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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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

Richard's House (London, N.A.)  
B. Scott County  
NASSACHUBETS

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



172 COUNTY ST

A 570

Eldridge House  
Taunton MRA, Ma

by Euseby



OCT 1979



date: url

scale 1" = 160'

average 0.77A

wd 4 pg 19 lot 2

from: 5.70



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297