

FORM B - BUILDING

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

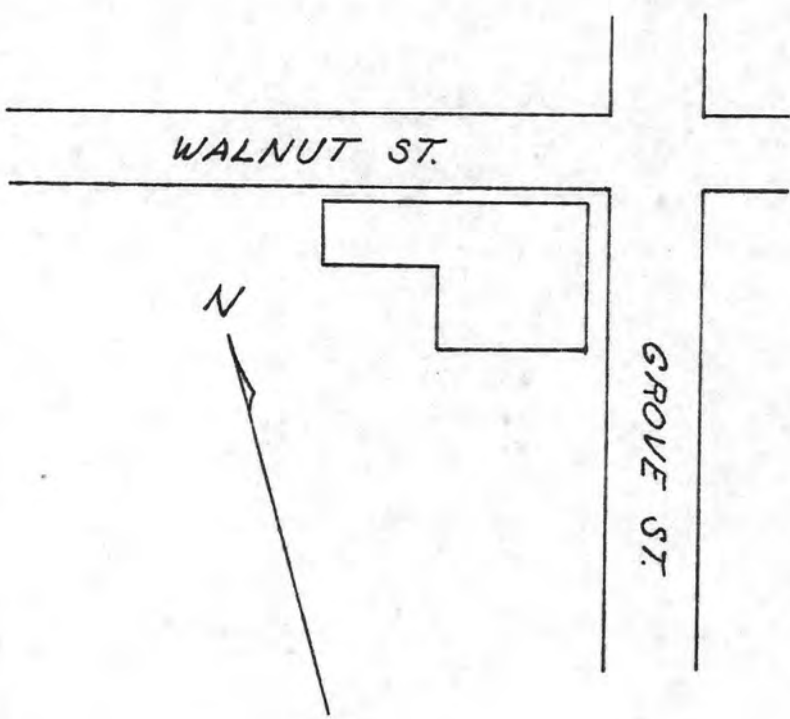
In Area no.	Form no.
	M78-A7 131

1. Town Fall River, Mass.
 Address 244 Grove Street
 Name Barnabus Blossom House
 Present use Multi-family
 Present owner Jerome Marques

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
 Staple to left side of form
 Photo number PFNR-1-9

3. Description: 2 1/2-story w/flanking gable roof
 Date c. 1800
 Source V/A
 Style Federal

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard, shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features Center entrance w/pedimented door surround & semi-circular fanlight; center chimney; some 6 over 6 sash

Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved from N.E. corner No. Main & Franklin Date c.1883-1886

5. Lot size: 4,623 sq. ft.
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage _____
 Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by Patricia Giza
 Organization FROHP
 Date January 11, 1982

7. Original owner (if known) Barnabus Blossom

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

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	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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

One of Fall River's most outstanding and best-preserved early residences, the Barnabus Blossom House is particularly notable for its two elegant pedimented doorways and largely intact interior. The Federal-style house follows the traditional 5-bay, side gable plan popular throughout the 18th and early 19th century and retains its original splayed lintels and 6/6 sash. It is known to date back at least to 1800 because a newly minted penny of that year was found in the walls during restoration. The pedimented door surrounds are of a type widely used in New England frame houses beginning in the 1790's. The ultimate design source is Plate 16 of Wm. Pain's Practical Builder, which was published in London in 1774 and Boston in 1792, although the builder of the Barnabus Blossom House probably simply copied the doorway of another house. The use of a central chimney rather than the more up-to-date side chimney/center hall plan is not uncommon in rural houses even into the 19th century. Interior detailing has remained in place and includes Federal beaded door moldings, simple mantels, a dining room corner cupboard, a beehive oven, and six-panel doors. Both the interior and exterior have been sympathetically restored.

The first well-known occupant of the house was Dr. James Aldrich, a "botanic physician," who moved to Fall River in 1843 and is listed at this address in the city's first (1853) directory. Between 1883 and 1886 the house was moved from its original location at the northeast corner of Main and Franklin Streets to make way for the Hotel Mellen (since demolished). Several other handsome Federal houses also stood on North Main Street during the early 19th century and were moved or demolished as the downtown commercial district expanded.

As a well-crafted, recently restored example of the Federal style and one of only a handful of buildings remaining from the early settlement period, the Barnabus Blossom House meets Criteria A and C of the National Register individually.

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

Atlas 1895 - Shown as 36 Grove & 73 Walnut
1883 - Not shown

Original Location { 1883 - Shown
1871 - Shown J. M. Smith - N.E. corner No. Main & Franklin Street
1858 - Shown
1850 - Shown

Water Dept. - Thomas G. Monroe - May 17, 1886 - App. #3893
Directory: - 1853 - James M. Aldrich - botanic physician - house 77 No. Main corner Franklin Street

Building Dept. - Jerome Marques - February 4, 1980 - Permit #22 - interior and exterior alterations - \$15,000 - owner

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts Bristol County

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Algonquin Printing Co.

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce Van Duzend

Attest

2. American Printing Co. and
Metacomet Mill

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

3. Anthony, David M., House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

4. Ashley House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

5. Ashworth Brothers Mill

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible
Keeper

2/16/83 Bruce Van Duzend

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6. Barnard Mills

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

7. Belmont Club/John Young House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

8. Blossom, Barnabus, House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

9. Boguslavsky Triple-Deckers

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

2/16/83 Melvyn Byers

Attest

10. Borden, A. J., Building

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National Register

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States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Blossom, Barnabus, House (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83

Action: ACCEPT 2/16/83
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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 _____ Area 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Fall River M.A. Ma

BARNABUS BLOSSOM HOUSE
244 GROVE ST

RF 71-7-9

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279