

FORM B - BUILDING

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

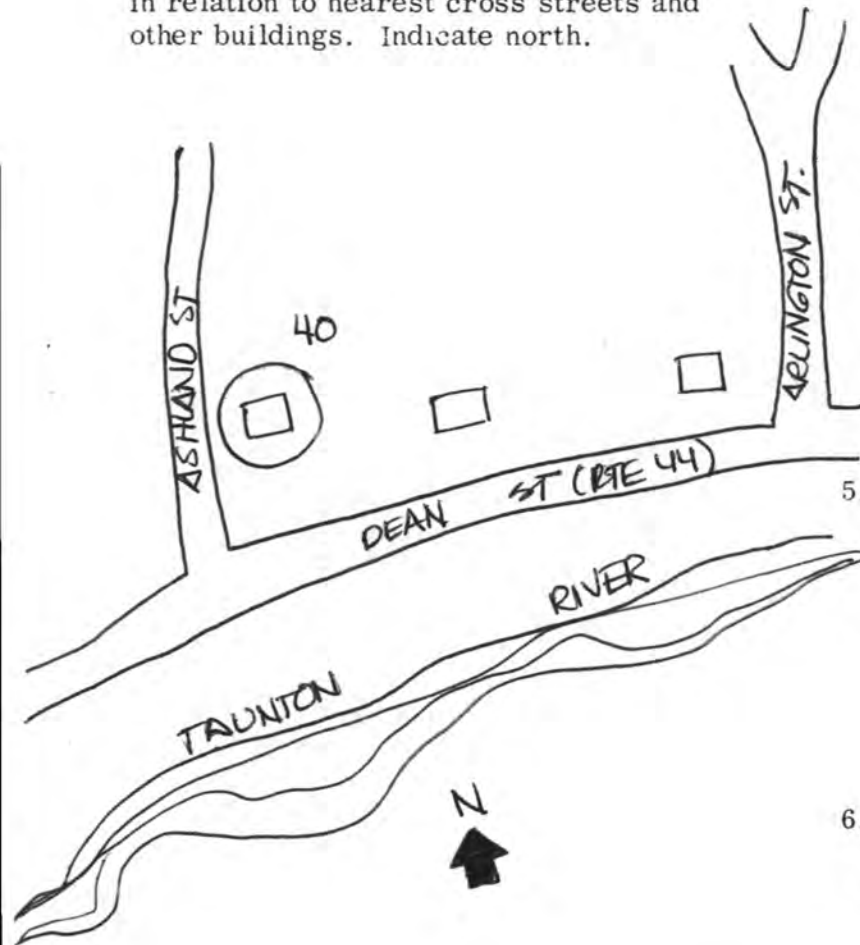
In Area no. A	Form no. 40
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1. Town Taunton ✓  
 Address 26 Dean St. ✓  
 Name Theodore Dean House ✓  
 Present use Professional Offices;  
Apartments  
 Present owner Legal Realty Trust,  
Dorothy Pierce

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

3. Description:  
 Date 1866  
 Source Owner  
 Style Italianate  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings (describe) None  
 Other features See reverse.

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: WARD 4, PLAN 13, BLOCK 22, LOT 20  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 116'  
 Approximate distance of building from street 70'

6. Recorded by T.W.  
 Organization T.C.H.S.  
 Date 4/80

(over)

UTM: 19/327150/4640970

7. Original owner (if known) Theodore Dean  
 Original use Residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Converted to apartments; 1960's

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 checked="" 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)

The Dean House is significant primarily for its association with the prominent Dean Family, founders of the Taunton Iron Works in c. 1657. The structure was built in 1866, on the site of a former residence, for Theodore Dean, who succeeded his father as the head of the foundry, a position he held until 1893. Other local offices held by Dean were President of the Bristol Co. National Bank, President of the Taunton Crucible Co. and Director of the Eagle Cotton Mill. The house remained in the Dean family, occupied by Dean's widow and sister, until the 1960's.

Description: The 2½-story frame Italianate house features a central gabled pavilion into which its double-leaved entrance is set, and a front porch carried on chamfered posts.

The Theodore Dean House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places for its well preserved Italianate style design and for its long historical associations with one of Taunton's most prominent industrial/commercial families.

Boundaries conform to present lot lines.

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

Taunton Historic District Commission

**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

*Melrose Byers* 7-5-84

Attest

22. Dean-Hartshorn House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Melrose Byers* 7-5-84

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23. Dean, Jonathan, House

Entered in the  
National Register

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24. Dean, Lloyd, House

Entered in the  
National Register

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25. Dean, Theodore, House

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Attest

26. East Taunton Fire Station

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National Register

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27. Eldridge House

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28. Fairbanks-Williams House

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29. Field, Albert, Tack Company

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National Register

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30. Fuller-Dauphin Estate

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National Register

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Dean, Theodore, 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 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

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_



26 DEAN ST

Dean, Theodore, House  
Taunton MA, Ma

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

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H  
S  
A

GROVER + MARTHA  
COFFIN  
1965

23

125'

75'

98'

79'

22A

312'

22

LOUIS COSTA  
1974



185'

DONALD + VIRGINIA  
HODDER  
1975

21

246'

100'

101'

339'

DANIEL + LEONA  
OLSEN  
1964

THEODORE R. + NANCY B.  
THAYER  
1956

214'



20

116'

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41'  
CITY  
ID

TAUNTON  
NOMINATION

TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
NOMINATION  
FORM NO. 40  
THEODORE DEAN HOUSE  
SCALE: 1" = 60'  
MAP NO. WD4, Pg. 13, Lot 20  
ACREAGE .63

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297