

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

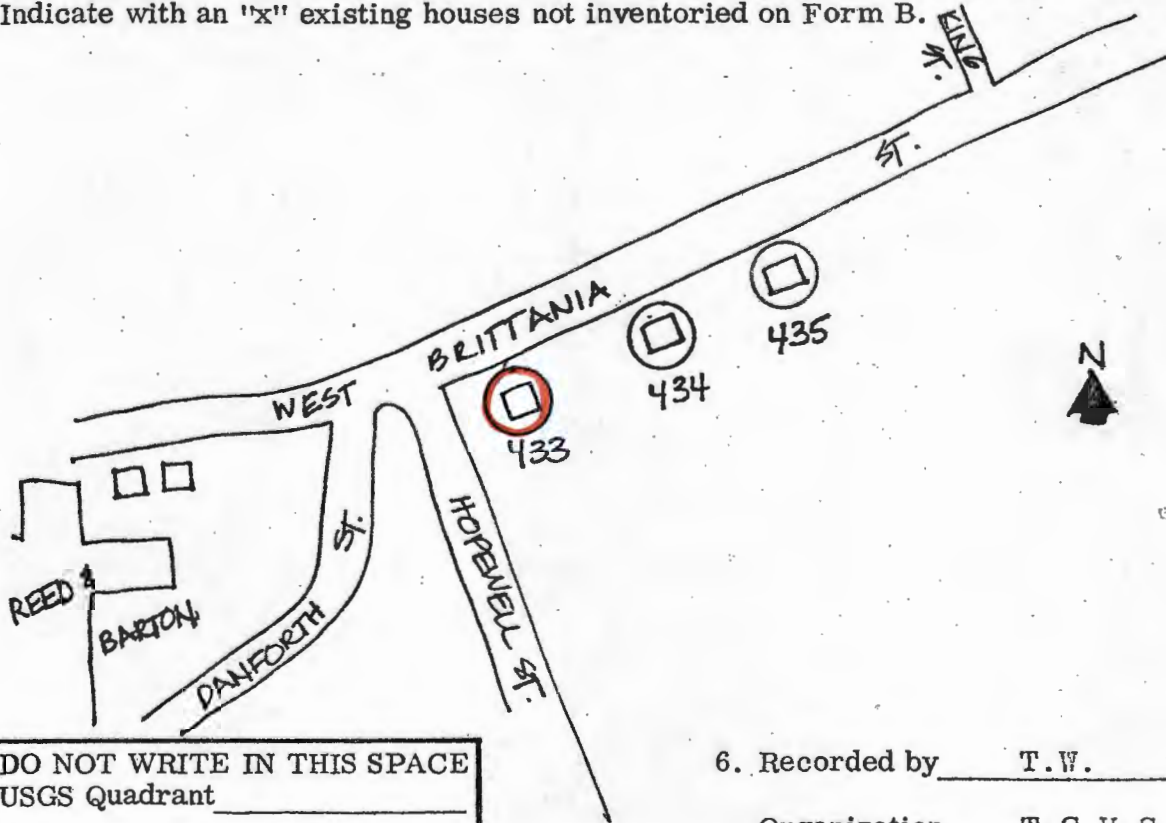
Form numbers in this area 433, 434 435	Area no. P NR-7
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Taunton ✓
Name of area (if any) Buildings at
80 and 88 W. Britannia
St
3. General date or period 1914

4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? Yes - Three Deckers
in condition? Yes - Good
in type of ownership? Yes - Private
in use? Yes - Residential

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 8/79

(over)

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

An impressive grouping of three decker tenements, located next to the Reed and Barton Co. complex on West Britannia Street, constitutes the best display of this residential building type in the city. It is likely that the three structures, identical in plan and details, were built at the same time by a single speculator, Thomas Nichols, and were used as working class housing.

The influence of the Colonial Revival Style is evident in these buildings in their classically detailed porches and corner pilasters, placing their probable date of construction at c. 1914. Their sheathing of wood shingles also represents the widespread appeal of this material for domestic construction at the turn-of-the-century.

Long-neglected in the study of 20th century urban architecture, the three decker is a multi-family house type well adapted to the density of many industrialized cities in New England. Architecturally, these structures evolved from the late 19th century rowhouse into a freestanding structure, of wood rather than brick, that characteristically featured a three story porch. Built in large numbers from the late 1880's through the early 1930's, three deckers are usually found in areas adjacent to industrial complexes and within range of public transportation facilities.

The three deckers on West Britannia Street possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and historical association. Number 433 West Britannia, which is circled in red on the sketch map has been aluminum sided and lost its architectural integrity. The remaining two properties, 434 and 435 West Britannia Street meet C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

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

Arthur J. Krim, "The Three Decker as Urban Architecture in New England," in Monadnock, vol. LXIV, June 1970

Sanborn, 1937

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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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

11. Bassett, C. J. H., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

12. Beattie, W. C., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

13. Brow's Tavern Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

14. Brownell, Henry G., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

15. Buildings at 80 and 88 W.
Brittania St. Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

16. Capron, George, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

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17. Central Fire Station Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

18. Colby, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

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19. Dean, Abiezar, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

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20. Dean-Barstow House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Buildings at 80 and 88 W. Britannia Street
(Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. May 21, 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 7.5.85
Date Due: 7/5/84 - 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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



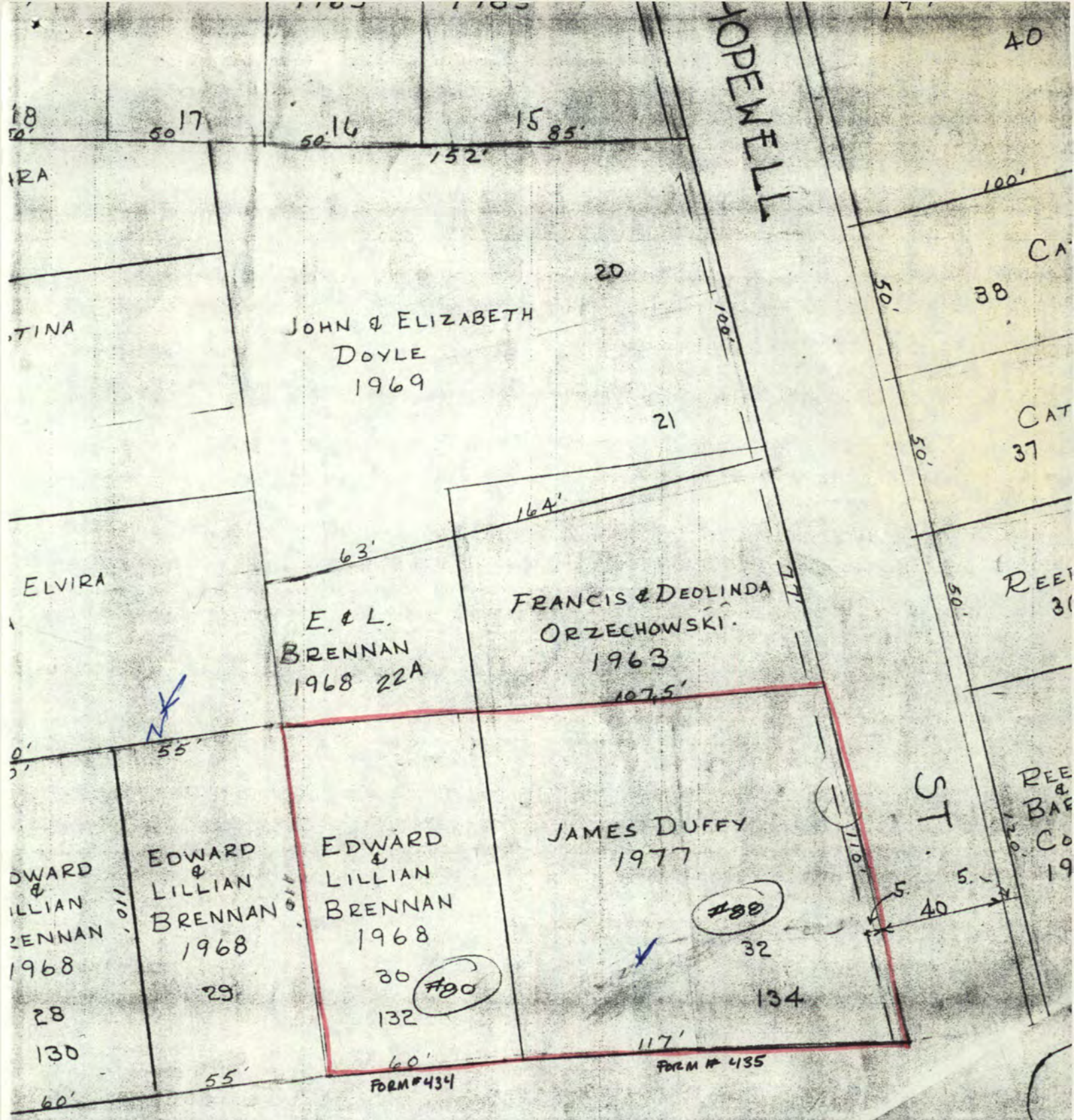
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Taunton, MA, Ma

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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
 NOMINATION
 NR-7
 80 & 88 W. Brittania St.
 SCALE: 1" = 40' 3-Decker's
 MAP NO. WD8, Pg. 3, Lot 32, 30
 ACREAGE *less than one*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297