

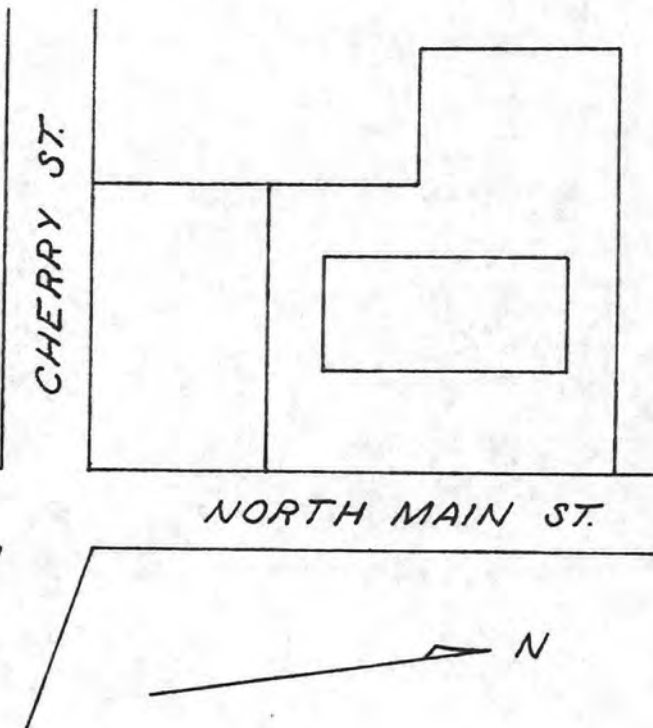
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. 526	Form no. <del>0-13-18/19</del>
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number INST. 2-12A

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



1. Town Fall River, Mass.

Address 306 North Main Street

Name Quequechan Club

Present use club

Present owner Quequechan Club

3. Description: two joined 2 1/2 st. bldgs.

Date C. 1861 and C. 1878

C. 1890s, C. 1920s alterations

Source City Directories

Style Colonial Revival

Architect N.C. Smith-1895 addition

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features One bldg. features dormers, 6/6 windows, pilasters with ionic capitals porch supported by fluted columns, other bldg. 2/2 windows, bracketed on side porch, dormers large front porch supported by columns

Altered addition & Annex Date 1825 & 1920

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Total 20,001 sq. ft.

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street

7'

6. Recorded by Patricia Giza/Pam Fox

Organization FROHP

Date 2/24/81

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Mason & Hezekiah A. Brayton

Original use residences

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)

The Quequechan Club, chartered in 1894, has been one of Fall River's most prestigious social clubs for nearly a century and occupies a building notable for its finely carved Colonial Revival interior and exterior detailing.

The 25 prominent residents who formed the club represented the city's business and professional elite and included six chief executives of mills, six men otherwise engaged in the textile industry, three investment brokers, two lawyers, one physician and other community leaders. The Quequechan replaced the Commercial Club. The founders purchased the William Mason homestead on North Main Street, (which dates back at least to the time of publication of the 1871 Atlas) and hired the major New Bedford architect N.C. Smith to renovate the building. It is not clear what elements of the Mason House were retained, but the full-blown Colonial Revival facade clearly dates from the 1890's. The portion of the building at the far right, which constituted the original clubhouse, has the symmetrical proportions, pilasters, triangular roof pediment and columned portico typical of buildings inspired by the Georgian period in American architecture. This style, along with coeval Adamesque versions, was popularized by the prestigious New York firm of McKim, Mead and White beginning in the mid-1880's, and the Quequechan Club is one of the best examples in Fall River.

The converted clubhouse opened in 1895 and within a year membership had increased to 200. In 1920 the club purchased the home of Dr. Hubert Wilbur directly to the south and linked the two structures. The Italianate style Wilbur House appears to have been built in 1877 by Hezekiah A. Brayton, who was to become a cashier at the First National Bank and treasurer of the Sagamore Mill. The well-known Providence firm of Angell and Swift was hired to redecorate the interior of the expanded club and probably made other changes needed to join the two houses. In 1922 the main dining  
(cont'd)

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

Bldg. Dept: Quequechan Club-Jan. 18, 1895 permit #11-wood-addition & improvements  
39 x 48 3 st.

Fall River Herald News-Mar. 19, 1953-pg. C-19

Fall River Herald News-Oct. 17, 1978-pg. D-2

American Architect & Building News-June 6, 1896-Vol. Lii-plate 1067-name of architect  
1895 addition

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Fall River, Mass.	Form No: 526 0-13-18/19
Property Name: Quequechan Club	

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

room was rebuilt and much of the interior redecorated after a fire which damaged the basement and lower floor. The interior presently includes much early 20th century oak woodwork and furnishings probably dating from the Angell and Swift remodelling or the 1922 redecoration.

For over 75 years, club membership was limited to males, although wives shared guest privileges. In 1974, associate membership was opened to woman. The club continues in active use to the present day.

As an important Fall River social club housed in a distinctive Colonial Revival clubhouse, the Quequechan Club meets criteria A and C of the National Register, individually.

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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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Notre Dame School

*Substantive Review*

Keeper

2/16/83 Tom M. Dyl

Attest

62. Oak Grove Cemetery

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

63. Osborn Street School

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

64. Picard, Israel, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

65. Pilgrim Mills

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

66. Pine Street School

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

67. Pocasset Firehouse #7

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

68. Prince Henry The Navigator  
(statue)

*Substantive Review*

Keeper

~~2/16/83~~ RS

Attest

69. Quequechan Club

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

70. Quequechan Valley Mills  
Historic District

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Quequechan Club (Fall River, MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 1/5/83-15  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84  
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 2/16/83  
 RETURN  
Entered in the  REJECT  
National Register  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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



INST. 2-12A

QUEQUECHAN CLUB  
306 NO. MAIN

Fall River MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279