

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. M	Form no. 405
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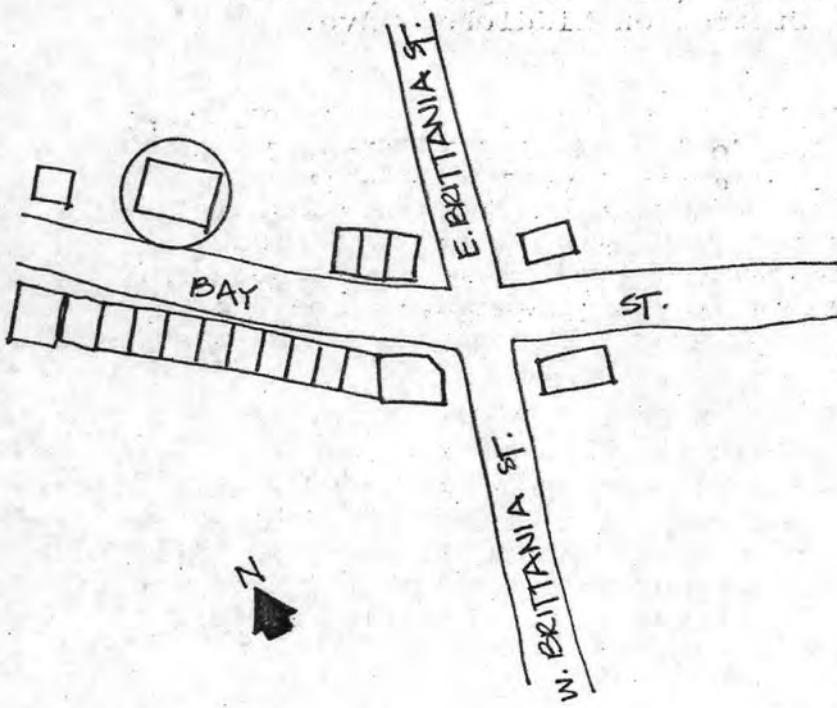
1. Town Taunton ✓
Address Bay St. ✓
Name Whittenton Fire ^{and} Police Station
Present use same

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

Present owner City of Taunton

3. Description:
Date 1888
Source Date Plaque
Style Queen Anne
Architect Abner Coleman
Exterior wall fabric Common Bond Brick
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See attached.

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



Altered Doors replaced Date 20th C.
Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-5 PLAN-4 BLK-7 LOT-29
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage _____
Approximate distance of building from street
35'

6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 7/19/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326110/4642870

7. Original owner (if known) City of Taunton
 Original use Fire Station
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/
settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/
invention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

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

One of two fire stations in Taunton designed by the City's second fire chief, Abner Coleman, this minimally changed structure is a fine example of a municipal building executed in the Queen Anne style.

Built in 1888 by builder, James T. Bassett, it is similar in design to the Weir Fire Station (also designed by Coleman), and to the East Taunton Fire Station on Middleboro Ave.

Description: The square main block of the structure is 2½ stories and has a hipped roof. The facade is occupied by three large segmental-arched engine bays. A central wall dormer that is contiguous with the building's second story windows features a shingled wall treatment, and large, 3-part round-arched central window. A smaller, 2-story hip-roofed dependency houses the police station, and a hose-drying tower is engaged to the rear.

The Whittenton Fire & Police Station possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of two notable Queen Anne style influenced firehouses (see #296) designed by Taunton's second fire chief, Abner Coleman and built to serve dense residential/commercial neighborhoods during a period of concerted municipal advancement of the end of the 19th Century.

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

City Records.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Whittenton Fire and Police Station
(Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.86
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

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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<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

Wilmington Police Station
 (TAMMUN, I.R.A.)
 Bristol County
 MASSACHUSETTS

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: _____



FIRE STATION

1911

#405

Whittenton Fire + Police Station

Taunton MRA, Ma

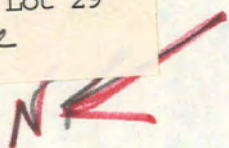
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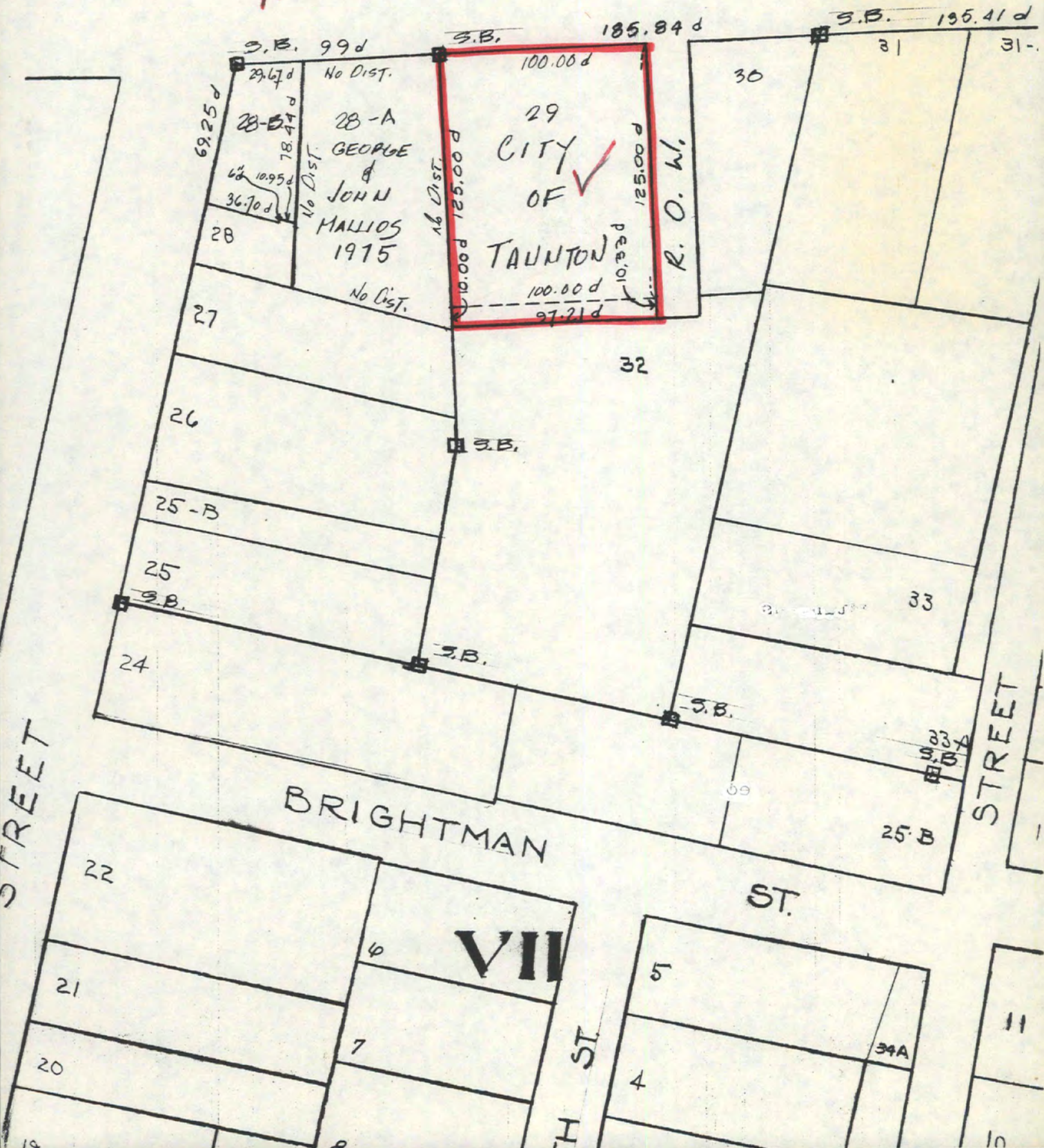


by Berkey

TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION
FORM NO. 405
BAY STREET FIRE STATION
SCALE: 1" = 60'
MAP NO. Wd 5, Plan 4, Lot 29
ACREAGE *less than one*



BAY



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297