

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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| AREA | FORM NO. |
|      | 280      |

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Town Taunton ✓  
Address 43 Ingell Street ✓  
Historic Name (Abiathar King) Williams House ✓  
Present Owner: Dorothy C. Williams

Use: Present Residence  
Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843

Source OCHS Records

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) Early 20th

Central Chimney Replaced

Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage W0.4-PL3-LOT 27  
Less than one

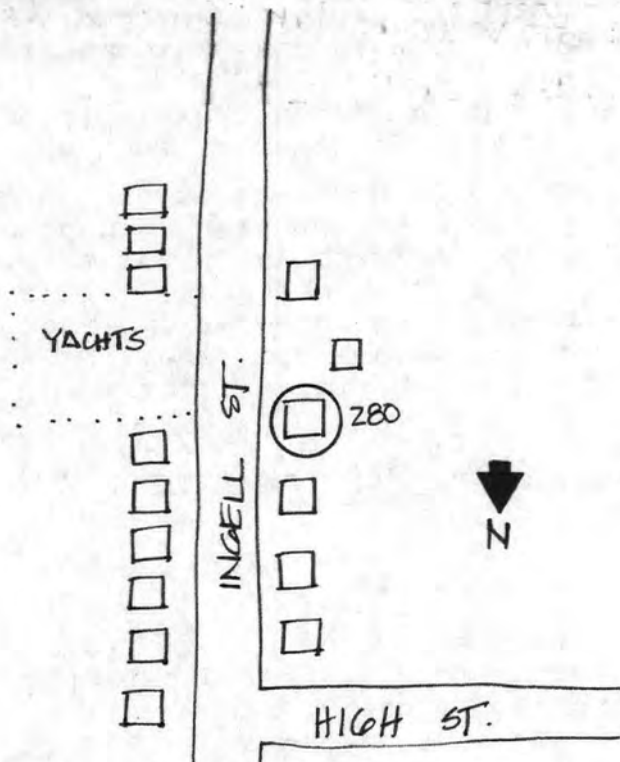
Setting Rural

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SKETCH MAP



Date 8/29/79

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The 2½ story 5 bay house features a central hall plan and a gable roof. Greek Revival details include an entrance enframement consisting of simplified pilasters supporting an entablature and sidelights; a flat cornice board and gable returns.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Thematically, this house is closely associated with the development of Weir Village, but is, today, visually removed from its center. Its construction was begun by Abiathar King Williams, and was completed by his brother, George B. Williams, in 1843. The Williams Family-early brick-makers, shipping tycoons, and lumber magnates, owned, populated and had economic influence over much of the Weir throughout the 19th century. The house is still owned by the Williams family.

The house, though typical of vernacular Greek Revival construction of the mid-19th century, is one of the few of its type left in Taunton.

Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, the Abiathar King Williams House meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places as a rare example of a substantial farmhouse constructed in the mid 19th century in Taunton which retains its vernacular Greek Revival style details. Secondly, it is significant for its one hundred year historical association with the notable Williams family and the development of Weir Village from a agricultural to thriving commercial center in the 19th century.

*Boundaries conform to current lot lines.*

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Taunton Multiple Resource Area  
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. Williams, Abiathar King, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

82. Williams, Enoch, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

83. Williams, Francis D., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

84. Williams, N. S., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

85. Willis, Joseph, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

86. Winslow Congregational Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

87. Winthrop Street Baptist  
ChurchEntered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

88. Lawrence, William, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/10/85

Attest

89. Neck of Land

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/10/85

Attest

90. Taunton State Hospital

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Williams, Abiathar King, House (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 6/2/84 - 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          | 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"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      |                                    |                                           |

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Williams, Abiather King, Rose  
Taunton MRA, Ma 43 INGELL ST

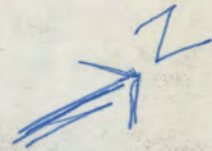


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378 PER DEED



es Jr. &  
973

280

EDWIN & TIJUANA

GOLDSTEIN

1970

100

PALMER C. & DOROTHY

WILLIAMS

1947

27

27B

100

171

147.95'

JOSEPH & NORA

RICCI

1952

27

138

27-A

118

297

WM & KATHLEEN

FAIDELL

95

121

S T.

7  
A

2-D

2

ALBERT H. &

MADLINE

GRAY

1969

180 ±

125 ±

41.5

125.75

ALBERT H. &

MADLINE

375

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|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 25           | 25     | 25     | 25     |
| 25           | 24     | 23     | 22     |
| RICHARD      | EDWARD | EDWARD | EDWARD |
| MARY         | SMITH  | SMITH  | SMITH  |
| BENTLEY      | EDNA   | EDNA   | EDNA   |
| 1974         | 1966   | 1966   | 1966   |
| EDNA LINCOLN |        |        |        |
| EDWARD 26    |        |        |        |
| SMITH        |        |        |        |
| 27           |        |        |        |
| ALBERT       |        |        |        |
| GRAY 28      |        |        |        |
| 1969         |        |        |        |
| CITY 29      |        |        |        |
| 30           |        |        |        |

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| 25     | 25      |
| 21     | 20      |
| ROBERT | EV      |
| H.     | BR      |
| SMITH  | RE      |
| 34     | 33      |
| ROBERT | SMITH   |
| 32     | 31      |
| ALBERT | MADLINE |
| GRAY   | GRAY    |

SEAVEN ST

264 ±



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297