

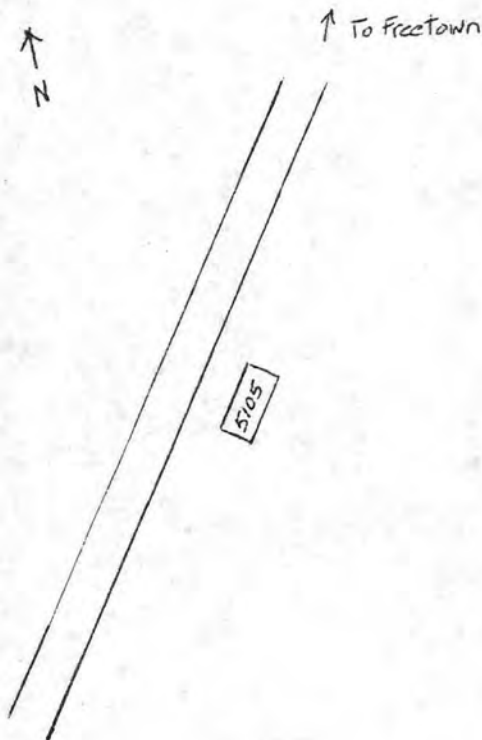
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. X1440 287
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number SBI-6

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



1. Town Fall River, Mass.

Address 5105 North Main St.

Name Valentine-French House

Present use single family

Present owner Roy C. & Eleanor W. Athearn

3. Description: 2½ st. w/flanking gable rf

Date 1769

Source Fall River's Old Houses

Style Georgian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features rubble foundation; 5 bay wide; lg. center chimney; door enfram ment has flat pilasters carrying pe- diment w/full dentiled cornice, archi trave w/pulvenated frieze; 6 light to transom

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 87,783 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

60'

6. Recorded by Patricia Giza

Organization FROHP

Date 10/30/81

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Valentine

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates French Family residence c.1850-1928

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 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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This house was built on the 13th lot of Freeman's Purchase by William Valentin for his bride, Sybil Winslow in 1769, two years after their marriage. William was the grandson of John Valentine, the first of the Valentine family in America. The couple had nine children and at one time William was a member of the pre-Revolutionary Committee of Correspondence. The massive center chimney had six outlets & the fireplace used for cooking is quite large. The house still has Georgian wood panelling & sliding window shutters.

The house was also owned by members of the Horace French family, who owned the property from roughly c.1850 to 1928.

The Valentine House is one of six in the Steep Brook area considered to be the best representatives of the pre-industrial period of the city's history. These houses along North Main Street give testimony both to Steep Brook's early prominence over the southern area of the town and to the original agricultural character of Fall River. Their small scale, rural setting and linear relationship to one another stand in sharp contrast to the development that overtook the city with the construction of the first textile mill in 1811. The Valentine House is outstanding even among the six Steep Brook houses for a number of reasons. The exact date of the house can be documented and the original owner was a Revolutionary War patriot. The architectural detailing is exceptional, particularly the pedimented doorway with dentil cornice, pulvinated frieze and transom. The house is also remarkably intact (except for the replacement of the original clapboards with shingles) and is enhanced by the rural quality of the setting. Because of its clear architectural and historical significance, the Valentine House meets criteria A and C of the National Register, individually.

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

Atlas 1895: shown - Horace French
1883: shown - Horace French
1871: shown - H. French
1850: shown - H. French

Water Dept: Roy C. Athearn Apr. 11, 1947 App. #17180

Directory: 1853 Horace French farmer h. north of Steep Brook
Fall River's Old Houses Constance Winslow 1955 pg. 5

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 Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. St. Joseph's Orphanage

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

82. St. Louis Church

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

83. St. Mary's Cathedral and Rectory

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

84. St. Patrick's Church

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

85. Stafford Mills

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

86. Union Mills

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

87. Valentine-French House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

88. Wampanoag Mills

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

89. Winslow, Luther Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

90. Woman's Club of Fall River

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 [Signature]

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Valentine-French House (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83
Action: ACCEPT 2/6/83
 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"/> unexcavated		

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



5105 No. Main

5B I

#6

Full River NRA, Ma

Valentine-French House

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279