

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. S	Form no. 461
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

SEE AREA MAP.



1. Town Taunton ✓
Address Corner W. Britannia ^{#205} and Rockland
Name Union Congregational Church
Present use Church
Parish _____
Present owner Union Congregational

3. Description:

Date 1872-73
Source See Bibliography
Style Stick Style
Architect Z. Sherman (Builder)
Exterior wall fabric Clapboards/Shingles
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See attached.

Altered Asphalt Shingles Date 20th C.
(roof)
Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD - 8, PLAN - 22, BLOCK - 43, LOT - 11
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 80'
Approximate distance of building from street
60'

6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 7/23/79

(over)

UTM: 19/325390/4642750

7. Original owner (if known) Church parish

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> x </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

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

This is an almost intact Stick Style church, exhibiting Queen Anne Style details, sited at a pivotal intersection in a 19th century residential neighborhood near Whittenton Mills.

The land on which the building is sited was owned by the Whittenton Manufacturing Co. and was donated by Charles Lovering for the construction of a Protestant church in 1872 at a cost of \$20,000. Prior to its construction, the congregation met in what is now the "Mill Store" building at Whittenton Mills.

Description: The L-shaped church is composed of two intersecting gabled portions, and an engaged entrance and belltower, ending in a tall spire. The main entrance is shielded by a small hood, mounted on truss brackets. Windows vary from paired and grouped elongated windows with tiny leaded panes, to small, square windows in the tower. The tower has large, louvered Gothic arches in its belfry ornamented with quatrefoil and drilled decorations, the spire itself has helm-like cuts at the corners and is sheathed in wood shingles.

Union Congregational Church possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It is an ecclesiastical property deriving primary significance for its architectural distinction and its historical associations with the development of the Whittenton Mills area. It meets criteria A and C

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

Warner File #462, Taunton Public Library

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Taunton	461
Property Name: Union Congrega- tional Church	

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

9. Historical Significance (cont.)

of the National Register of Historic . Places.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

MAY 21 1984

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Thematic GroupName Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 61. School Street School | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 62. Staples, Sylvanus N., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 63. Stone House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 64. Sweet, Albert, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 65. Taunton Alms House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 66. Taunton Public Library | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 67. Thomas, H. P., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 68. Tisdale-Morse House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 69. Union Congregational Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |
| 70. Union Mission Chapel-
Historical Hall | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
| | | Attest | | |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Union Congregational Church (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

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	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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Union Congregational Church
Taunton, MA, Ma

MAR 1980



by Carney

#461

MAR 1980



by Carney

ROCKLAND

XAVIER J. & RITA J.
HARNOIS
1950

UNION
CONGREGATION
CHURCH

JAMES F. & PATRICIA A.
LINCOLN
1965

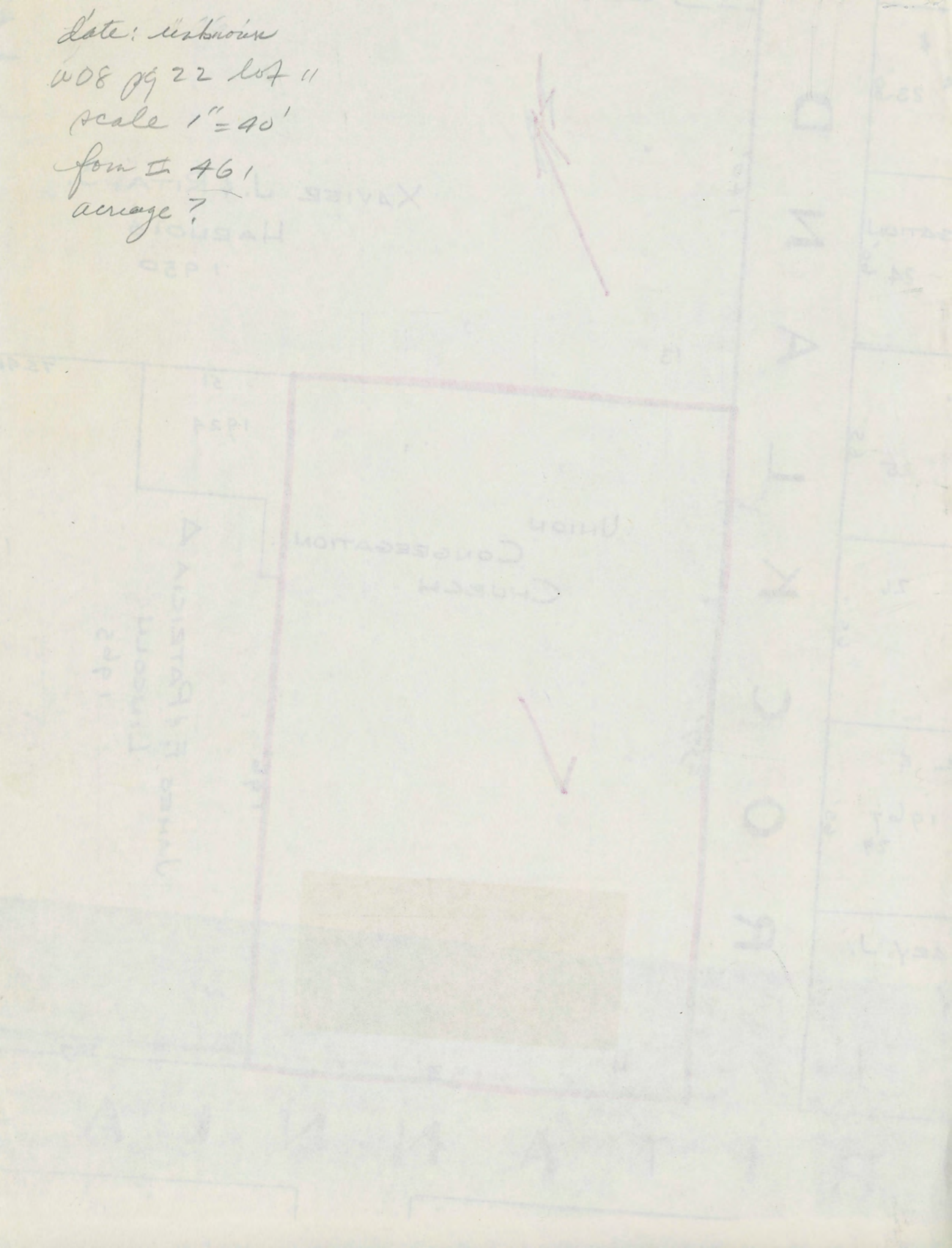
TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION
FORM NO. 461
UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SCALE: 1" = 40'
MAP NO. WD8, Pg. 22, Lot 11
ACREAGE *less than one*

SATION

ARY J.

RITANNIA

date: unknown
W08 pg 22 lot 11
scale 1"=40'
from T 46,
acrage?



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297