

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C	127

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 58 Winthrop St.
Name Winthrop St. Baptist Church
Present use Church
Present owner First Portuguese Baptist Church

3. Description:

Date 1862
Source OCHS Records
Style Gothic Revival
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Common Bond Brick
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features See Attached.

Brick Addition made
Altered Slate sheathing Date 1922
on tower removed
Moved No _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD - 2, PAN - 5, BLOCK - 11, LOT - 4
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 151'
Approximate distance of building from street
6'

6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 5/16/79

UTM: 19/326130/4640620

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Baptist Congregation

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Designed in the Gothic Revival style, this church was the second Baptist church built on the same site, and is a commanding visual element on Winthrop St.

Description: The Gothic style church has a 3-bay facade, organized around a central, projecting tower, terminating in a very tall spire. Its central entrance is set in a brownstone dripmold surround, repeated in the elongated Gothic windows throughout the church. The gabled roof is introduced by a corbeled frieze.

The Winthrop Street Baptist Church possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It is an ecclesiastical property deriving primary significance for its architectural distinction and it meets criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of Taunton's most outstanding examples of mid 19th century ecclesiastical architecture.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines

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

OCHS Vertical File

Hurd, History of Bristol Co., 1883, p. 795

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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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

Winthrop Street Baptist 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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair		
☐ deteriorated		
☐ ruins		
☐ 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

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



Winthrop Street Baptist Church

Tenants MRA Ma



#127

2/18/40
10:40

date: unknown
scale: 1"=40'
WD 2 pg 5 lot 4
acreage: unknown
form # 127



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297