

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C	112

1. Town Taunton ✓
Address 45 Broadway ✓
Name Pilgrim Congregational Church ✓
Present use church
Present owner Broadway Church

3. Description:

Date 1852
Source Historic Taunton
Style Romanesque Revival
Architect Richard Upjohn
Exterior wall fabric Mortared Fieldstone
Outbuildings (describe) Chapel
Other features See attached.

Altered Rear Chapel (c) Date 1915
Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD 3, PLAN-16 - BLOCK-28 - LOT-42

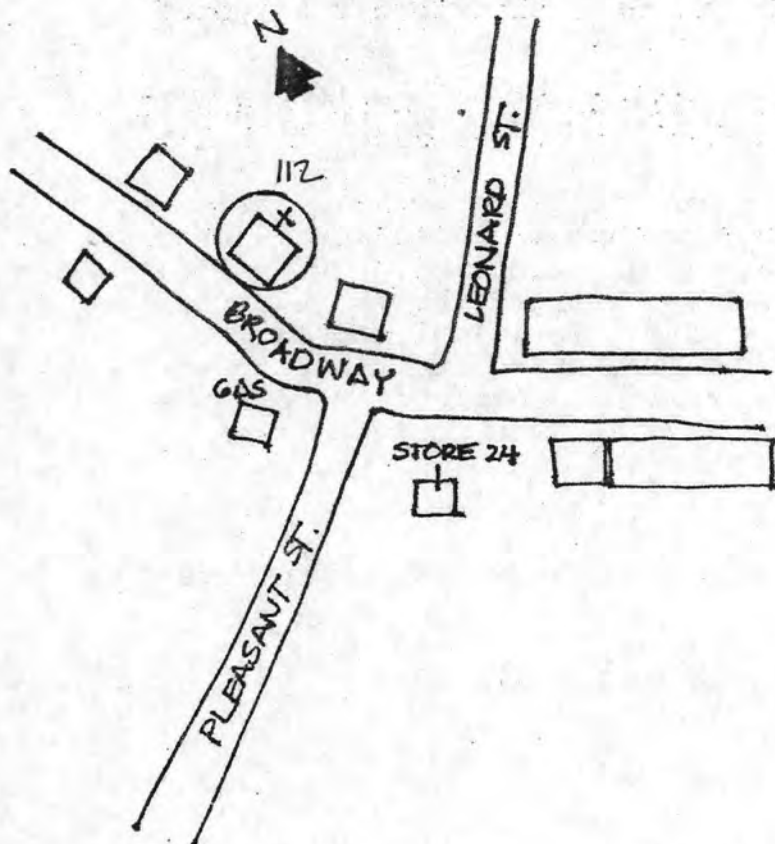
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 157'
Approximate distance of building from street 17'

6. Recorded by T.W./M.T.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 5/11/79

UTM: 19/326305/4641000

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.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Church Congregation

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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)

Designed by famed New York architect, Richard Upjohn, the Pilgrim Congregational Church is the second oldest church in central Taunton. Its establishment resulted from a division in the congregation of the First Parish Church (on Church Green), and its first structure, the Trinitarian Congregational Church, was built in 1823 on orchard land north of the present church site. In 1852, this frame church was moved to the site of the current Jones Block on Broadway, where it was remodeled into the "Jones Atheneum."

The present stone church was built in 1852. A small chapel in the rear, used for Sunday School classes, was added in 1915.

Description: The bold, geometric form of the church is derived from its broad gabled facade, arranged around an engaged, central tower, and from its robust fieldstone construction. The solidity of the wall surface is accentuated by the structure's few, narrow lancet windows, which give way, on side elevations, to large, round-arched stained glass windows. The entrance, set into the tower, is recessed into a simple archway. Cornices of both the church and its tower are ornamented with large, mutule-like projections.

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

Warner File #'s 976,466,601, Taunton Public Library

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Taunton

Form No:

*112*Property Name: *Pilgrim Congregational Church*

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Pilgrim 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 secondarily, deriving historical importance as a religious institution built for a growing congregation. It meets criteria A and C 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

Page 6 of 9

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Mason, N. S., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

52. McKinstrey House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

53. Morse House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

54. Morse, Henry, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

55. North Taunton Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

56. Old Colony Railroad Station

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

57. Old Weir Stove Company

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

58. Paull, Alfred, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

59. Pilgrim Congregational Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

60. St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Pilgrim 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

Entered in the
National Register

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7-5-84

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

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

- ☐ 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



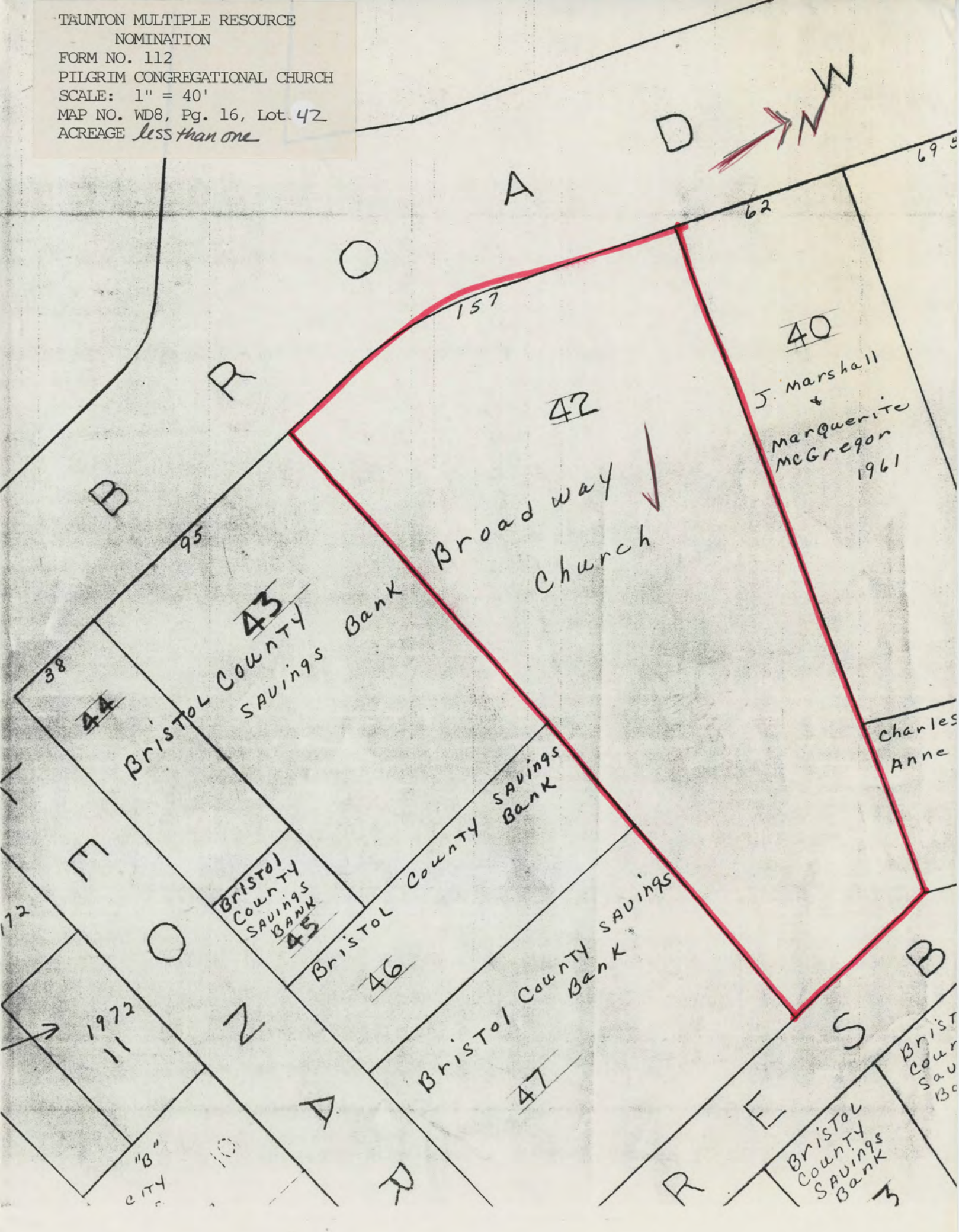
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Taunton MA, Ma

#112

E

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints
by Berkey

ACREAGE *less than one*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297