

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
C	115

1. Town Taunton ✓
 Address Pleasant St. ✓
 Name Taunton Public Library ✓
 Present use Library
 Present owner City

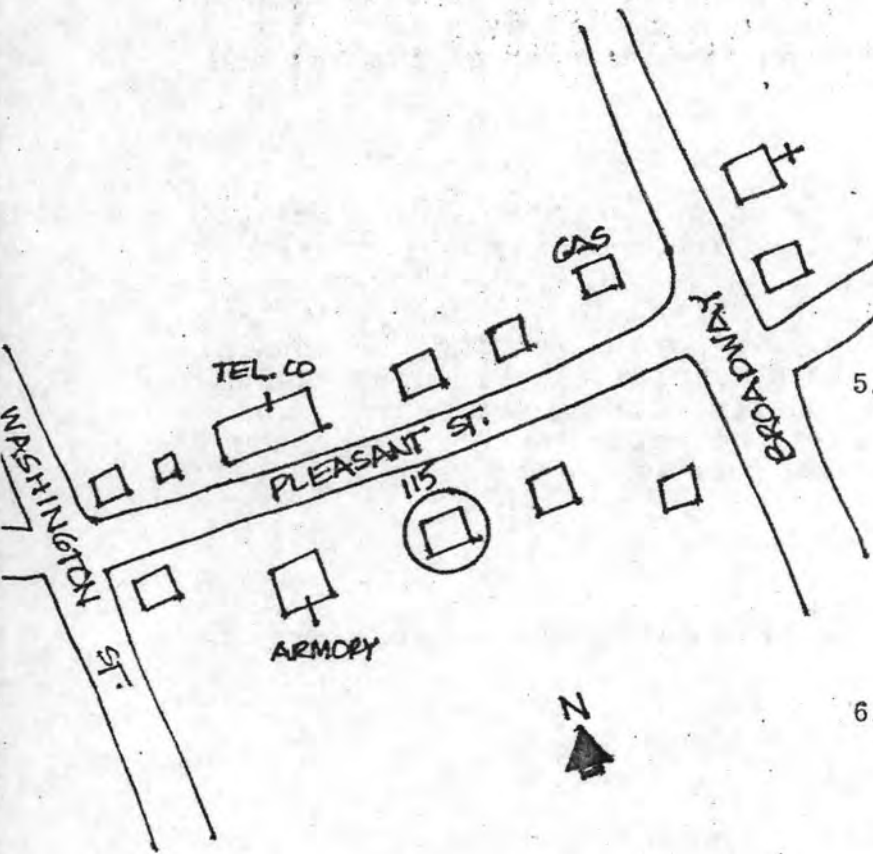
3. Description:
 Date 1903
 Source Date Plaque
 Style Beaux-Arts
 Architect Albert R. Ross
 Exterior wall fabric Limestone
 Outbuildings (describe) None
 Other features See Attached.

Altered Brick rear Add. Date 1979 (n/c)
 Moved No Date _____
 5. Lot size: WARD-3, PLAN-5, BLOCK-2 - LOT-25
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 161.63
 Approximate distance of building from street
45"

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

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)

UTM: 19/326250/4640950

7. Original owner (if known) City
 Original use Library
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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

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

The Taunton Public Library is a ~~new~~ building in the Beaux-Arts/Neoclassical idiom that expresses an important and optimistic phase of early 20th century community development.

Constructed of Indiana limestone in 1903, the library was generously endowed with an Andrew Carnegie grant of \$70,000. As well as housing the Library's collection, it served as a community cultural center by offering lecture series, special events, and performances for Taunton residents.

Description: The structure adheres to a T-shaped plan, formed by a large, projecting central bay that incorporates a round-arched opening, into which is set a formal entrance with eared surround, broken pediment and cartouche. The facade is further articulated by engaged, Scamozzi columns and pilasters, dividing the central pavilion into bays. These support a complex entablature. Fenestration throughout the building varies, using rectangular, and round-arched windows with a variety of molded surrounds. A new (1979) addition to the library is appended to the rear.

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

Hack & Son, The Book of Taunton, 1907
Engineering Record, Vol. 47, #190, February 14, 1903

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Taunton

Form No:

115

Property Name: Taunton Public Library

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

The Taunton Public Library possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places as an important local example of the Beaux Arts style which reflects a local response to a national trend of educational reform and the creation of "free libraries" in the early 20th century.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Taunton Public Library (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 8.5.85
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

Acreeage 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 _____

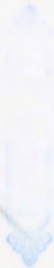
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



TAUNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

#115 Taunton MRA, Ma

NEW 1919

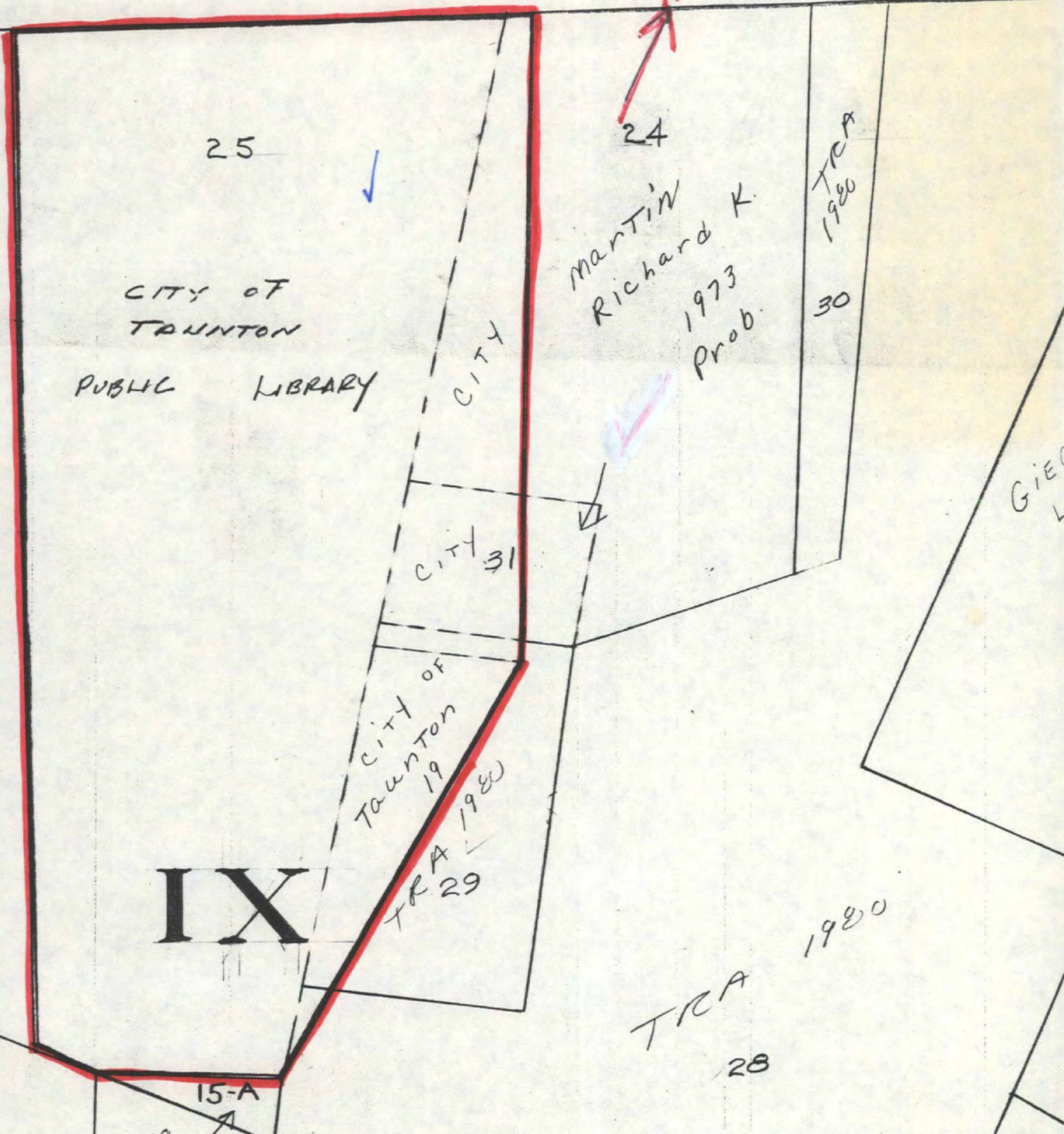


NEW 1919

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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
 NOMINATION
 FORM NO. 115
 TAUNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
 SCALE: 1" = 40'
 MAP NO. WD 3, Pg. 5, Lot 25
 AGREEMENT *less than one*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297