

FORM B - BUILDING

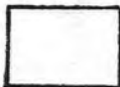
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.
Steepbrook
2-1

Form no.
283
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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.



NO MAIN ST.



1. Town Fall River, Mass.
Address 3775 No. Main Street
Name William Collins House
Present use single-family

Present owner Manuel Rose

3. Description: 1 1/2 st. w/flanking gable rf.

Date c. 1800

Source Fall River's Old Houses

Style Federal Cottage

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn & shed

Other features 5 bays wide; center hall
plan; center chimney; box cornice
w/dentils; dentilled window cornices
and door entablature

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 88,326 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by Wayne Mendonca

Organization FROHP

Date 11/13/80

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Collins

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The William Collins House (c. 1800) is a small 1½ story vernacular farmhouse with the typical 5-bay, center chimney plan. The Italianate cap molded lintels date from the Mid-19th century. The house is particularly evocative of the early settlement period because of its setting on a large wooded lot with stone retaining walls and wooden fencing.

The Collins House is one of six in the Steep Brook area considered to be the best representatives of the pre-industrial era 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.

As one of the city's notable early houses, well-maintained and well-sited, the Collins 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 Adeline Crapo
- 1883-shown Mrs. William Collins
- 1871-shown W. Collins
- 1850-shown Mrs. Collins

Water Dept.- Harry H. Holt July 25, 1904 App. #8866
Directory: 1853 Joanna Collins widow h. Steep Brook
Fall River's Old Houses Constance S. Winslow 1955 pg. 3

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

21. Chace Mills

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 *[Signature]*

Attest

22. Chace, A. B., Rowhouses

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 *[Signature]*

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23. Chace's, Oliver, Thread Mill

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National Register

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24. Charlton Mill

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25. Chase-Hyde Farm

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26. Children's Home

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27. Church of the Ascension

Entered in the
National Register

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28. Collins, William, House

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National Register

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29. Connell, William M., School

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National Register

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30. Cornell Mills

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National Register

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Attest

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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



3775 NO. MAIN

SB II

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Fall River M.A. Ma

Collins, William, Heise

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279