

FORM B - BUILDING

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

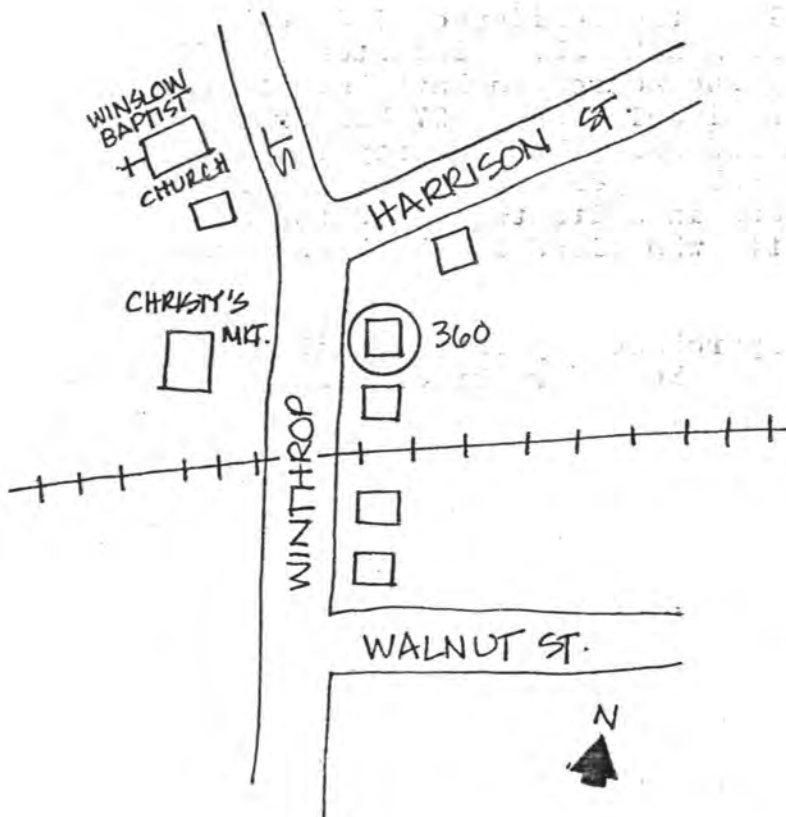
In Area no.

Form no.

360

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Taunton

Address 66 Winthrop St.

Name Lord Baylies--Bennett House

Present use Masonic Temple

Present owner Masonic Corporation

3. Description:

Date 1831

Source OCHS Records

Style Greek Revival

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Coursed Rubbleston

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered Rear addition Date c. 1960

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-02 ^{PLAN-4} BLOCK-3 LOT-7

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

40'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 10/2/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326020/4640330

7. Original owner (if known) Joseph L. Lord

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Masonic Temple (1959 - present)

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)

This unusual Greek Revival structure is exceptional for its stone construction, rare in residential architecture in Taunton, and for its full Doric portico and parlor floor windows, here adapted to a small-scale "cottage." Despite the recent addition of a rear ell, the main block of the house remains in an excellent state of preservation.

The house was built in 1831 as the residence of Joseph L. Lord, Postmaster of Taunton from 1829-35. Fieldstone used in its construction is reputed by one source to have been taken from ledges surrounding the Dean Lincoln Farm, 397 Winthrop St. In 1836, Lord moved to New York and sold the property to the Hon. Francis Baylies, author, local lawyer and judge, and foreign diplomat. Among later illustrious inhabitants is Taunton's first mayor, Edmund Hatch Bennett, who lived in the house from 1888 to 1898.

In 1959, the structure was purchased by the Masonic Corporation for use as a hall, and the modern brick rear addition made subsequently.

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

Carolyn Owen, "Ancient Landmarks in and Around Taunton," Old Colony Historical Society, File B-343 SC.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Taunton	Form No: 360
Property Name: Lord Baylies-- Bennett House	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Description: The 1½ story, central hall house of uncoursed fieldstone is circumscribed by a 1-story portico consisting of fluted columns carrying a paneled entablature. Formal features include elongated, parlor floor windows, and a central entrance with leaded transom and sidelights. The low-pitched gable roof is broken by four, very tall paneled brick chimneys with paired caps. A rear addition to the structure, contemporary in design, was made in c. 1960 and houses Masonic Hall functions.

Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, the Lord Baylies--Bennett House meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places as the home of a series of illustrious 19th century Taunton citizens and for its excellently preserved Greek Revival style residential cottage design executed in masonry, an unusual architectural expression in Taunton. The building's location on Winthrop Street several blocks from Taunton Green reflects initial residential development along the turnpike which was to continue throughout the 19th century.

Boundaries conform to present lot lines.

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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 Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Leonard, James, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

42. Leonard School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

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43. Lincoln, Ambrose Jr., House

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National Register

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44. Lincoln, Asa, House

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45. Lincoln, Gen. Thomas,
House

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National Register

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46. Lord-Baylies-Bennett House

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National Register

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47. Lothrop, H. B., Store

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National Register

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48. Lothrop Memorial Building-
G.A.R. Hall

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National Register

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49. Macomber, Calvin T., House

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National Register

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50. Marvel, Theodore L., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Lord-Baylies-Bennett House (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: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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



#360

Lord - Baylies - Bennett Horse
Taunton MRA, Ma

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

MAY 1980

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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION

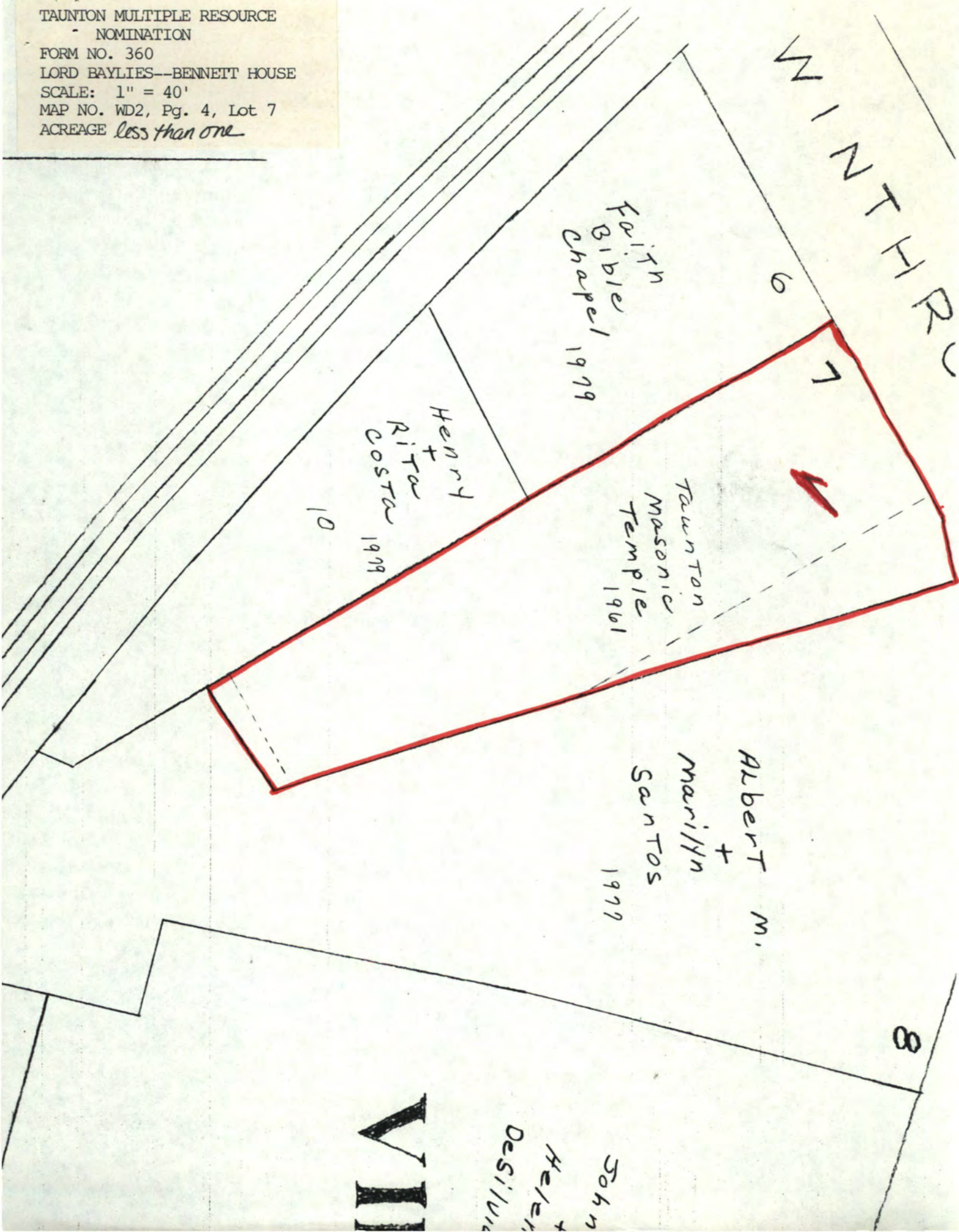
FORM NO. 360

LORD BAYLIES--BENNETT HOUSE

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD2, Pg. 4, Lot 7

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