

FORM B - BUILDING

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

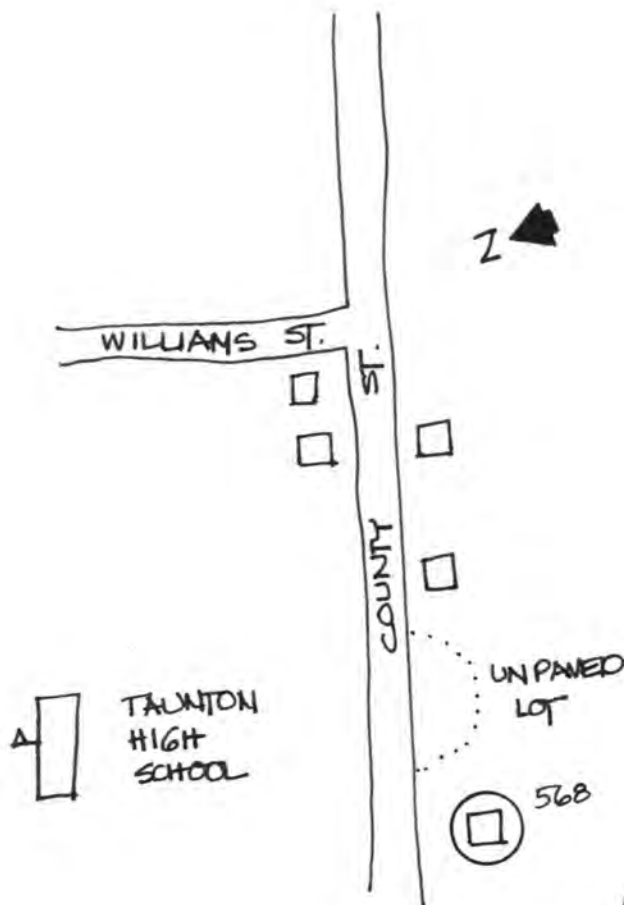
In Area no.

Form no.

568

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.



1. Town Taunton ✓

Address 125 County St. ✓

Name Gen. George Godfrey House

Present use Residence

Present owner R. Holton

3. Description:

Date c. 1780

Source Style

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos Shingles

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features See attached.

Altered Siding, rear
ells added Date 20th century

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WD. 4, PL. 20, LOT 10

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 157'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 10/29/79

UTM: 19/327560/4640110

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Gen. George Godfrey

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	<u>x</u>	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

This structure is one of three documented houses of the Georgian and Federal periods in Taunton that exhibit true double-pile plan types and early stylistic details. Despite its overlay of asbestos shingles, the house retains two pedimented entrance surrounds, original roof configuration and chimneys, and 12/12 sash windows.

Historically, the house is linked to George Godfrey, a Brigadier General in the Revolutionary War, who is likely to have had this residence built for him in c. 1780, or slightly before. Godfrey is known to have inhabited an earlier residence on Tremont Street. Future family generations, also prominent in local political and military affairs, continued to live in this structure in the 19th century.

The General George Godfrey House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of Taunton's most finely detailed and well preserved late 18th century houses built for a locally prominent family.

boundaries conform to current lot lines.

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

Beers, 1871

Walker, 1881

Bristol Co. Atlas of Surveys, 1895

Emery, History of Taunton, 1893, p. 441

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

31. Godfrey, Gen. George,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/5/84

Attest

32. Godfrey, Richard, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/5/84

Attest

33. Harris Street Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/5/84

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34. Haskins, Sarah A., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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35. Higgins-Hodgeman House

Entered in the
National Register

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36. Hodges House

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37. Hopewell School

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National Register

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38. Kilmer Street Fire Station

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39. King Airfield Hanger

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40. Knapp, Job, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Godfrey, Gen. George, 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

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

Public Acquisition

Status

Accessible

Present Use

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



FOR SALE
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6.27

Godfrey, Gen. George, House
Taunton, MA, Ma

County St.

76

JAN.

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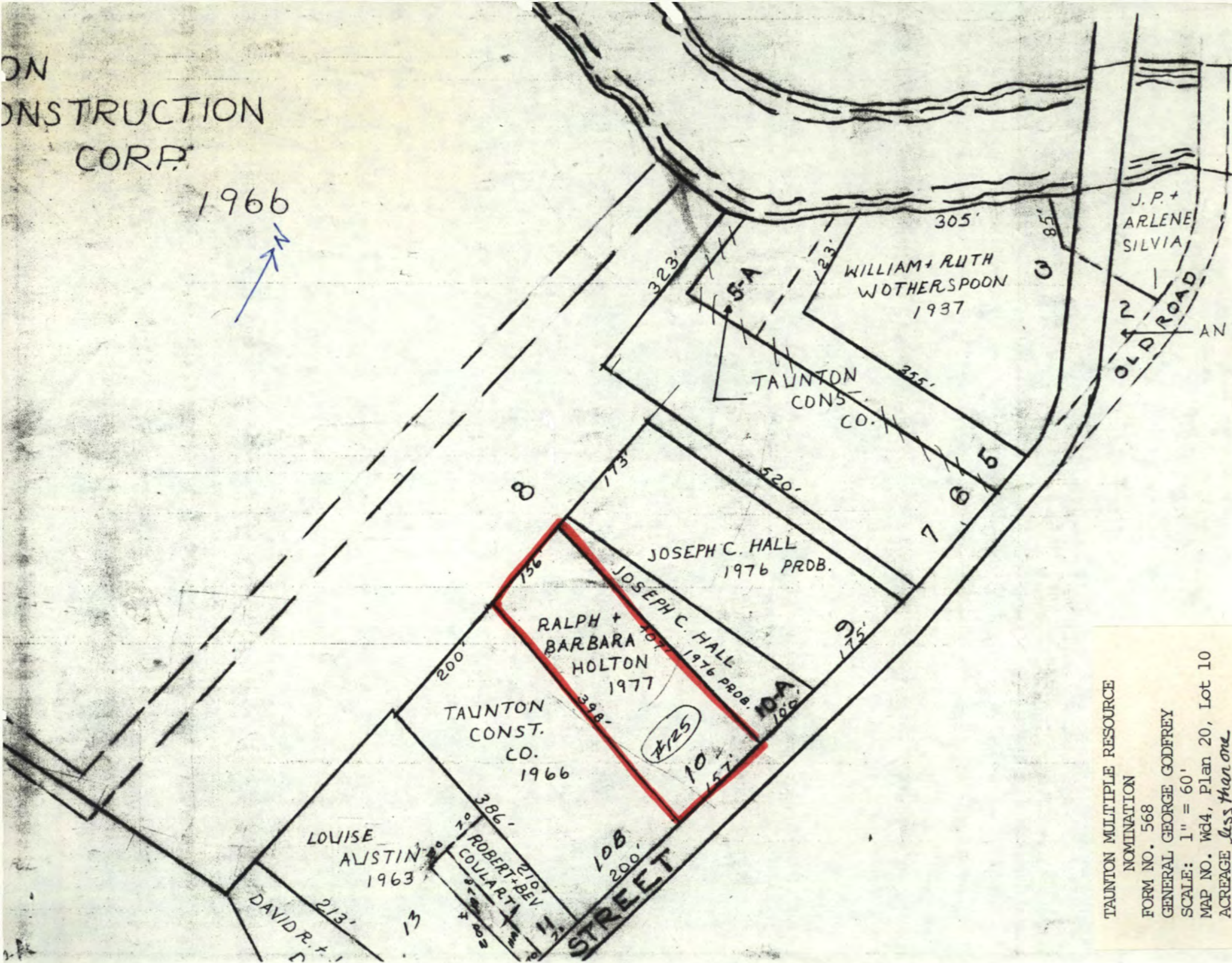


General George Godfrey House

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ON
ONSTRUCTION
CORP.

1966



TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE

NOMINATION

FORM NO. 568

GENERAL GEORGE GODFREY

SCALE: 1" = 60'

MAP NO. Wd4, Plan 20, Lot 10

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