

FORM F - STRUCTURE

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

In Area no.

Form no.

EN-1

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Taunton

Address Middleboro Ave.

Name King Airfield Hangar

Present use Vacant

Present owner see owners list

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other	<u>Airplane Hangar</u>		

5. Description

Date 1919

Source Newspaper Article

Construction material Wood, corrugated iron

Dimensions Approximately 80' x 80'

Setting Rural

Condition Fair

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 10/79

UTM: 19/332350/4638300

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry King
Original use Hangar
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Storage

8. Themes (check as many as applicable) AVIATION X

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

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

This airplane hangar is the earliest standing vestige of one of New England's first private airports, "King's Field." In 1919, East Taunton dairy farmer, Henry King, converted his 50-acre farm to an airport, with the purchase of a surplus WWI trainer plane, a "Curtiss Jenny," which was housed in this structure. King and his family first began a flying school, offering flying lessons and sight-seeing tours over the Taunton area. In the 1940's and '50's, the Kings acquired a small fleet of aircraft and operated an active air taxi service between eastern seaboard cities for individuals and businesses. Local industries also hangared their own private planes, used to transport goods and materials to and from suppliers and markets, at the airfield.

In 1959, the Federal Airport Aid Program gave \$213,000 for the improvement of King Field's facilities--a 3,400' paved runway, taxi strips and additional lighting-- and it was renamed the "Taunton Municipal Airport." A small portion of the original farm, on which the old hangar is situated, was left undeveloped.

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

Taunton Public Library, Warner File #654A, Howard F. Berk,
"King Airport Developed from 50-Acre Pasture," in Taunton
Gazette, 1959

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Taunton

Form No:

EN-1

Property Name: King Airfield Hangar

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

Historical significance (cont.)

The early airports of Massachusetts stand as important resources of the Early Modern period. The King ~~Airplane~~ Hangar represents an important landmark in aviation history built for what is reputedly the earliest operating commercial airfield in Massachusetts. Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. The King Airfield Hangar meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places. Only the Hangar itself is being nominated.

Boundaries are drawn at a distance of 20' from the building foundation, creating a square of c.100' x 100'.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

Attest

34. Haskins, Sarah A., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/5/84

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35. Higgins-Hodgeman House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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36. Hodges House

Entered in the
National Register

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37. Hopewell School

Entered in the
National Register

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38. Kilmer Street Fire Station

Entered in the
National Register

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39. King Airfield Hanger

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

40. Knapp, Job, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 7/5/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

King Airfield Hanger (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
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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: _____



KING FIELD AIRPLANE HANGAR

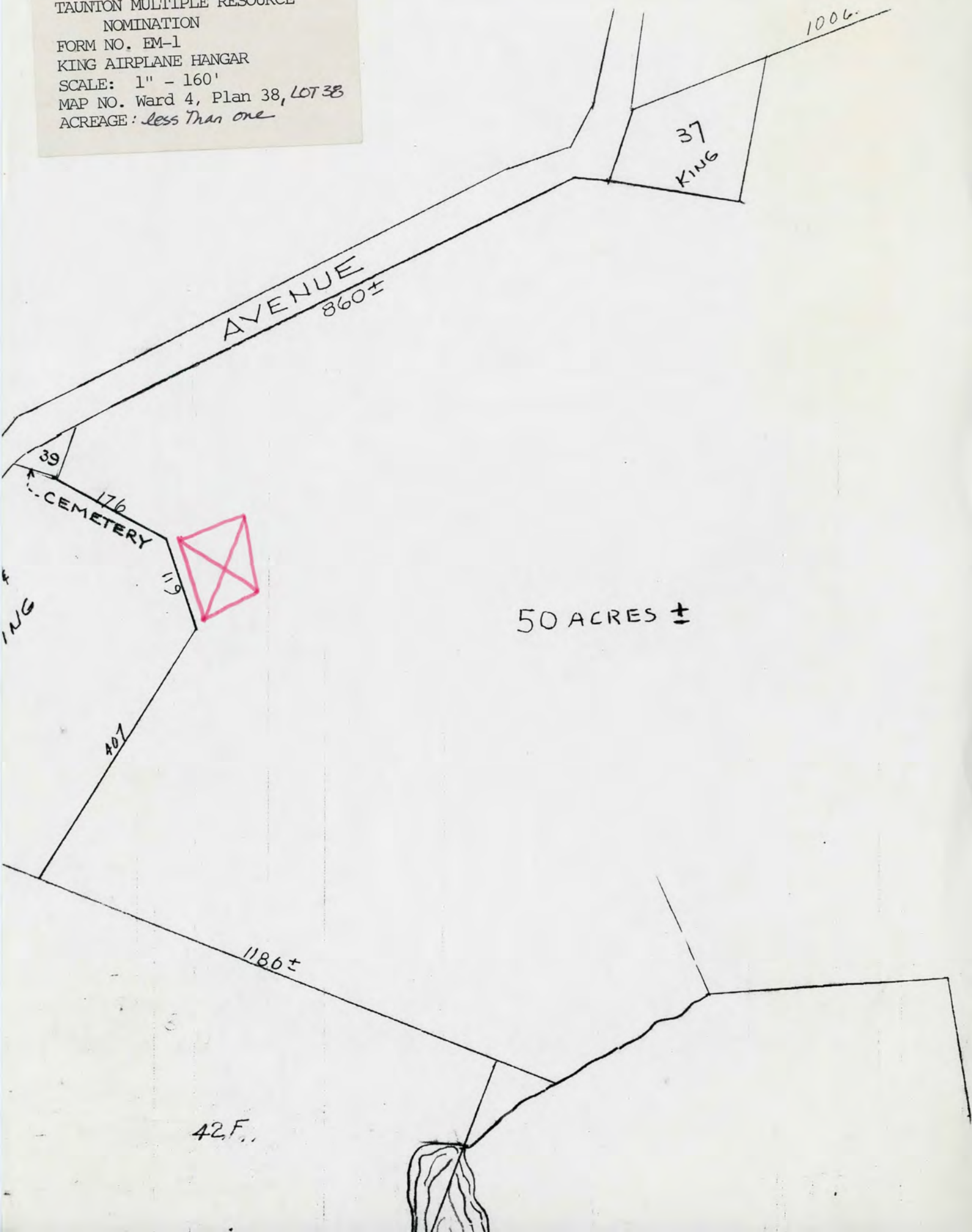
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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION
FORM NO. EM-1
KING AIRPLANE HANGAR
SCALE: 1" = 160'
MAP NO. Ward 4, Plan 38, LOT 38
ACREAGE: *less than one*



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297