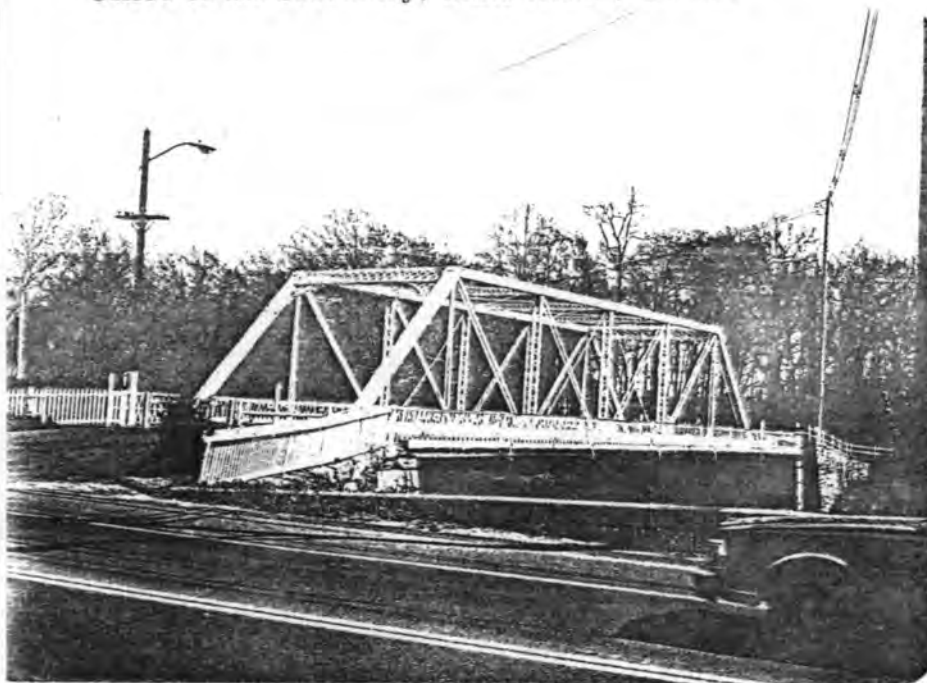


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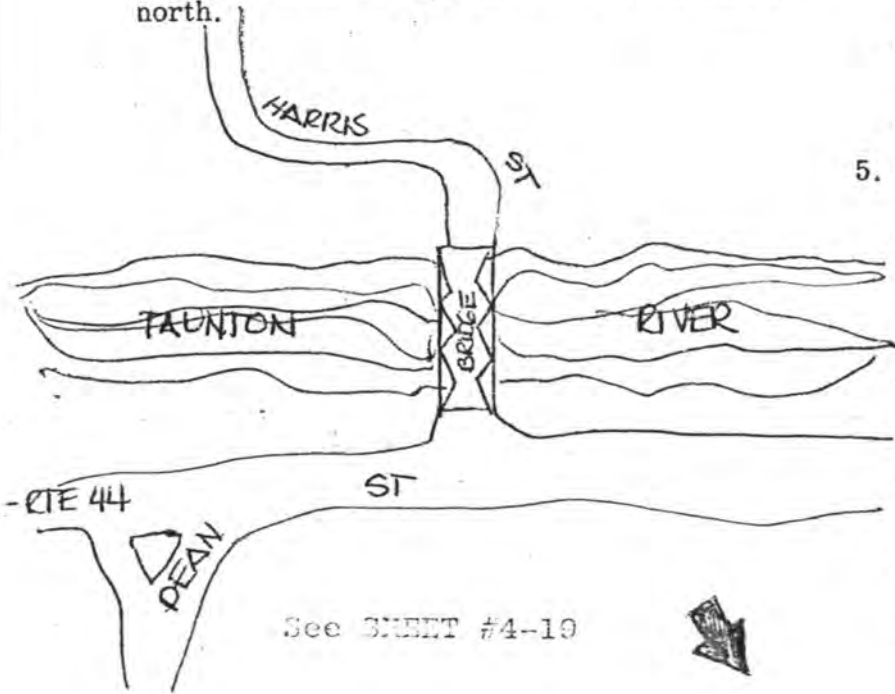


Location Taunton  
 Address 5 Pans Taunton River at  
Bean Street and Harris Street  
and Taunton River  
 Name Harris Street Bridge ✓  
 Present use Walking Bridge  
 Present owner City of Taunton

Type of structure (check one)

Bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	pound	_____
Canal	<input type="checkbox"/>	powder house	_____
Can	<input type="checkbox"/>	street	_____
Gate	<input type="checkbox"/>	tower	_____
Light	<input type="checkbox"/>	tunnel	_____
Kiln	<input type="checkbox"/>	wall	_____
Lighthouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	windmill	_____
Other	_____		_____

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



5. Description

Date 1887  
 Source Plaque  
 Construction material Steel  
 Dimensions L-100' x W-35' x H-25'  
 Setting Spans Taunton River  
 Condition Good

6. Recorded by Mark Theroux  
 Organization T.C.H.S.  
 Date 3/80

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
 MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

UTM: 19/328300/4641150

7. Original owner (if known) City of Taunton  
 Original use See below  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>X</u>				<u>X</u>

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

The Harris Street Bridge is the oldest standing bridge in Taunton, and an important survivor of early public works efforts that followed the city's incorporation.

Shortly after the installation of a citywide water system in 1876, this steel bridge was constructed over the Taunton River to support a principal water main from the Harris Street Pumping Station. Constructed by the "Pennbridge" company of Beaver Falls, Pa. in 1887, the structure is a simple Pratt, through truss bridge measuring 100 feet long, 35' wide and 25' high. Its ample dimensions allowed it to serve secondary functions as a walking and wagon crossing bridge. It was used in the 20th century by automobiles, but after its transferral to the Conservation Commission in recent years, it is now used only by pedestrian traffic.

The Harris Street Bridge possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It derives its significance for its age and historical association with the growth of the Taunton Community and as a unique local example of late 19th century bridge design, thus meeting criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

*Boundaries are confined to the bridge, its footings, and a 5' approach at either end on Harris Street*

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

Conservation Commission, City of Taunton

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area  
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Godfrey, Gen. George,  
House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7/5/84  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

32. Godfrey, Richard, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7/5/84  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

33. Harris Street Bridge

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7/5/84  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

34. Haskins, Sarah A., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7/5/84  
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35. Higgins-Hodgeman House

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36. Hodges House

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37. Hopewell School

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38. Kilmer Street Fire Station

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39. King Airfield Hanger

Entered in the  
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40. Knapp, Job, House

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National Register

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Harris Street Bridge (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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

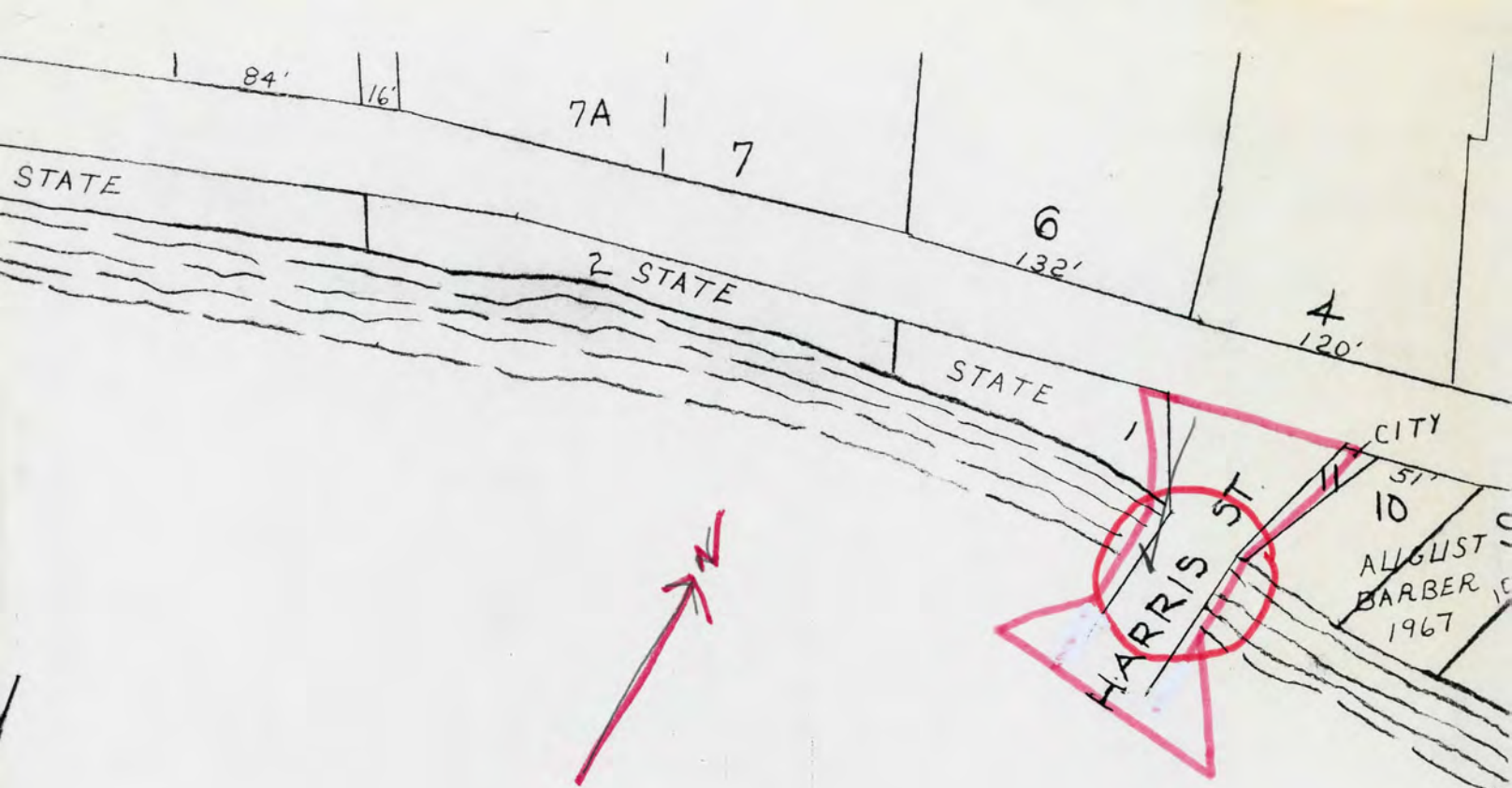
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



HARRIS Street Bridge  
Richard, House  
Taunton MRA, No





TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
NOMINATION  
FORM NO. EN-2  
HARRIS STREET BRIDGE  
SCALE: 1" = 80'  
MAP NO. WARD 4, Plan 16  
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