

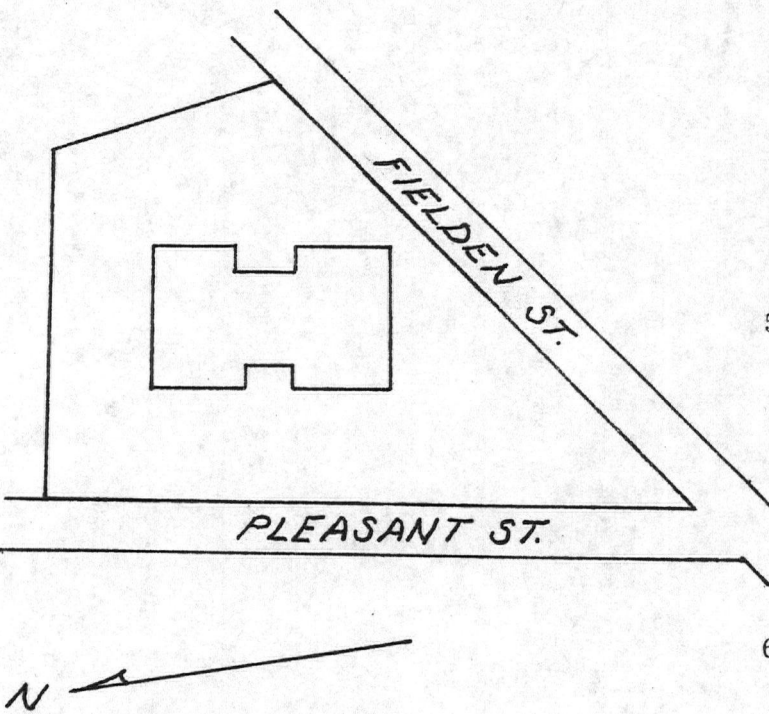
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	J-111/493

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 Fall River, Mass

Address 1975 Pleasant St.

Name Coughlin School

Present use School

Present owner City of Fall River

3. Description: Brick School

Date C.1893

Source Atlas

Style Romanesque

Architect Frank Irving Cooper

(place on building)

Exterior wall fabric Brick, masonry

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Low, hipped roof w/ extended eaves, Belt course Corbelled chimneys

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 30,878 sq. ft.

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by Patricia Giza/Pam Fox

Organization FROHP

Date 1/26/81

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fall River

Original use School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	<u>X</u>	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	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)

The Coughlin School (1893) is notable as one of several substantial and well-detailed late 19th century brick eight-room grammar schools and as the work of Frank Irving Cooper, a recognized New England expert in school design.

During the 1890's, nine school buildings were erected in Fall River to accommodate the city's expanding population and replace out-dated facilities. The number of schools increased from 42 in 1889, with 182 study rooms and 30 recitation rooms, to about 50 in 1900, for an increase of 64 classrooms. In two cases the school department hired architects who each designed two nearly identical schools, a policy which presumably increased efficiency and reduced cost. Thus the local architect Joseph M. Darling did the twin Davol and Connell Schools about 1892-3 and the Boston architect Frank Irving Cooper, a native of Taunton, was hired to design the very similar Coughlin and Osborn Schools.

Cooper (1867-1933) was widely known in New England as a school architect and was a frequent consultant to local school committees. In two decades of independent practice in Boston he designed numerous college buildings and some 200 elementary and high schools in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as the Bristol County Courthouse in Taunton (1892) and other public buildings. Cooper studied under H.H. Richardson and worked in the offices of Henry Van Brunt and Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge before establishing his own office in 1892.

The Coughlin School opened in 1895 and was praised at the time as "the most convenient and attractive school in the city." The Romanesque detailing and delicate brickwork greatly enliven the sturdy, symmetrical facade. The school was named for Dr. John Coughlin, who practiced medicine in Fall River for 35 years and served three times as Mayor. For twenty years Coughlin was a powerful figure in (cont'd)

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

Atlas 1895: school shown

1883: no school shown

Water Dept.: Coughlin School, March 28, 1894 #5922

Building Dept.: No record

Fall River School Study, Vol. I, Coughlin School (erected 1893)

Fall River and its Point of Interest, 1896 (source: name of builder)

Providence Journal, Nov. 16, 1964 (clipping)

City Documents 1889-1894- no record of architect

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Fall River, Mass.	Form No: N/1172493
Property Name: Coughlin School	

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

9.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

state and national Democratic politics, although he was unsuccessful in his candidacies for Lt. Governor and Congressman.

As a distinctive example of the late 19th century brick schoolhouse, well-detailed and largely intact, and as the work of an architect of regional importance, the Coughlin School meets criteria A and C of the National Register, individually.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

31. ~~Coughlin School~~

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

32. Crescent Mill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

2/16/83 Delores Byers

Attest

33. Davol School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

34. Davol, William C., Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

35. Downtown Fall River Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

36. Durfee Mills

Entered in the
National Register

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37. Earle, John M., House

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National Register

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38. Fall River Bleachery

Entered in the
National Register

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39. First Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Register

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40. Flint Mills

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National Register

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Coughlin School (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 15/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.83
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83
Action: ACCEPT 2/16/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria ATL/accept
Reviewer Mr. [unclear]
Discipline A.H.
Date 2-16-83
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

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



INST. 5-6A

COUGHLIN SCHOOL
1975 PLEASANT ST.

Fall River MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279