

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	K-1471 494

1. Town Fall River, Mass.

Address 112 Flint Street

Name Davol School

Present use school

Present owner City of Fall River

3. Description: Lge , 2st brick school

Date 1892-1894

Source Fall River School Study

Style Romanesque

Architect Joseph M Darling

Exterior wall fabric masonry, brick

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features Bracketed cornice, central tower blocked forward, topped by open belfry and weathervane, corbelled brick chimney.

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 31,285 sq. ft.

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

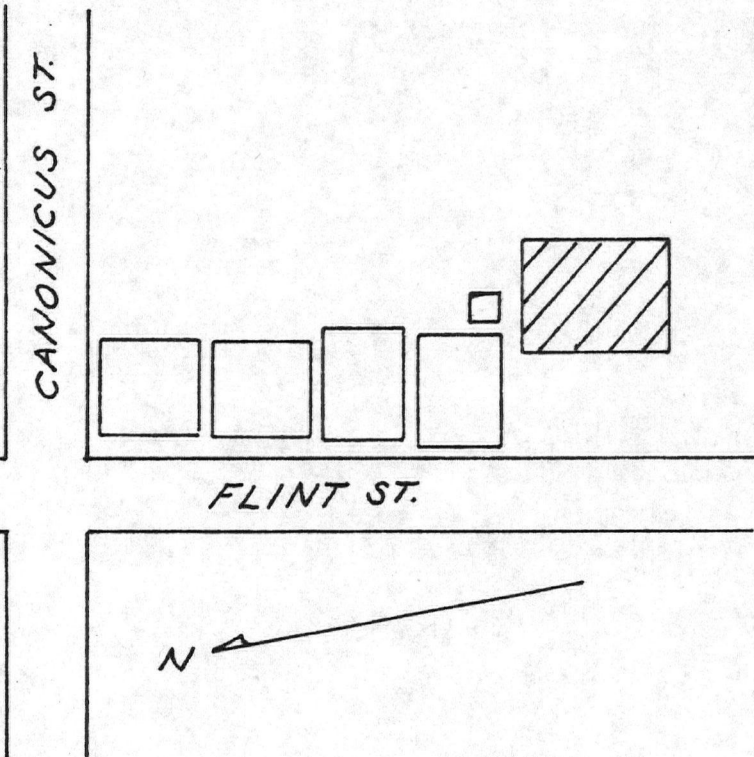
6. Recorded by Ken Champlin

Organization F.R.O.H.P.

Date 7/31/80

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number INST. 4-30A

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

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	<u>X</u>				

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

The Davol School (1892) and its look-alike, the Connell School on Plymouth Avenue, are both excellent examples of the late 19th century 8-room brick grammar school. Designed by the prolific local architect Joseph M. Darling, the substantial Romanesque Revival schoolhouse is particularly notable for its square 4-level center tower with a Syrian arched entrance and open belfry. Details such as the brownstone sill and lintel courses, slate hipped roof, copper weathervane on the tower cap, bracketed cornice and corbelled brick chimneys have also remained largely intact. Inside the school has four classrooms on each of the two floors and restrooms and utility rooms in the basement.

Many schoolhouses were built during the late 19th century to accommodate a growing population attracted to Fall River because of continued expansion of the mill economy. In 1889 the city had 42 schoolhouses with 182 study rooms and 30 recitation rooms. Between 1894 and 1900, 64 new classrooms were added by enlarging existing schools and constructing nine new school buildings. In view of this 20% increase in the number of schools within a six-year period, the use of the same plan for the Connell and Davol Schools would seem practical and economical. It is also not surprising that Darling was hired, as he had perhaps the largest architectural practice in the city during the late 19th and early 20th century and designed innumerable banks and office buildings as well as the Bradford-Durfee Textile School and the Stone and Aldrich Schools.

As a well-detailed, well constructed and virtually intact example of a particular building type--the brick grammar school--the Davol School meets criteria C of the National Register, individually.

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

- Atlas 1895: Shown
- Annual School Report, 1893-Xerox copy in F.R. drawer under "Schools"
- Fall River and its Points of Interest (1896) p51-source for name of architect.
- Fall River School Study (1975)-Coletti Bros.
- Phillips History of Fall River, Vol.11 p.65

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

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National Register

for Keeper

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33. Davol School

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

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35. Downtown Fall River Historic District

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36. Durfee Mills

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37. Earle, John M., House

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38. Fall River Bleachery

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39. First Baptist Church

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40. Flint Mills

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Davol School (Fall River MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 2/16/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Entered in the National Register  
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	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



DAVOL SCHOOL

INST. 1-1-1  
DAVOL SCHOOL

112 FLINT ST.

INST. 4-30A

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