

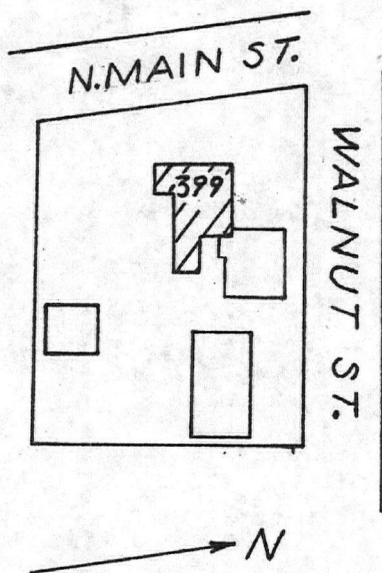
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
W.C.	266
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number HL-2-XIV-36

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



1. Town Fall River, Mass.  
Address 399 No. Main Street  
Name John Mace Smith House  
Present use law offices  
  
Present owner Jeffery S. Entin & Michael Sahady
3. Description: 1½ st. w/full Ionic portico  
Date C. 1844  
Source deeds  
Style Greek Revival  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other features pediment has dentil course at the flat & raking cornice; door boarded up. 5 columned portico  
Altered 1st. addition Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lot size: 14,398 sq. ft.  
One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_
6. Recorded by Tom Dolan  
Organization FROHP  
Date 4/3/81

7. Original owner (if known) J. Mace Smith

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates law offices

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	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

Small Greek Revival "temple front" house built C.1844 by J. Mace Smith. Deeds show that the land, part of the Rodman Farm was surveyed in 1837 and sold by Samuel Rodman to John M. Smith for \$1200 on 11/6/1843. Not much is known about Smith - he was associated with the American Print-works in 1859. The house was passed on to Lydia P. Fellows (daughter of J.M. Smith) & wife of the Rev. H.S. Fellows. In the 1890s John W. Coughlin, a physician lived here; he may be responsible for the building of the ell, as he kept his office and home here.

One of a cluster of outstanding Greek Revival houses on North Main St. built by early mill-owners and prosperous merchants in the downtown area after the 1843 fire. This building, like the majority of the others has certain signature elements reminiscent of Russell Warren's work-most notably the cantilevered "flying staircase", floor plan and molding details. The high quality of design and workmanship may be attributable to Russell Warren, a prominent R.I. architect and proponent of the Greek Revival. The high architectural quality, the relative scarcity of buildings of this age & type, and their association with figures important in the industrial and commercial development of Fall River; These facts together show that the property meets Criteria A & C of the National Register.

*J. Mace Smith  
5/14/83*

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

- Atlas 1895: shown
- 1883: shown, Rev. H.S. Fellows
- 1871: J.M. Smith
- 1858: J.M. Smith
- 1850: J.M. Smith

- Directory 1853: J. Mace Smith, h. 119 No. Main St.
- 1859 J. Mace Smith at American Printworks, h. 119 No. Main St.
- 1892 John W. Coughlin, physician, 121 No. Main, h. do.

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Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |   |                                     |            |                           |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 71. Read, Nathan, House                     | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | 2/16/83 Bruce [Signature] |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 72. Ruggles Park                            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 73. Sagamore Mill No. 2                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 74. Sagamore Mills #1 and #3                | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 75. Sanford Spinning Co.                    | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 76. Santo Christo Church                    | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 77. Seaconnet Mills                         | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 78. Smith, John Mace, House                 | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 79. St. Anne's Church and Parish<br>Complex | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
|   |                                     | Attest     | _____                     |
| 80. St. Joseph's Church                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | 2/16/83 Delores Byers     |
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Smith, John Mace, House (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  
Entered in the National Register  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	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 \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT 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



NAME: John Mace Smith House  
LOCATION: 399 North Main Street  
Fall River, <sup>MA</sup> Mass.  
PHOTO CREDIT: Pamela Shields (1982)  
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Fall River Office of Historic  
Preservation  
One Government Center  
Fall River, Mass. 02722  
(PSNR-17-3)  
IDENTIFICATION: John Mace Smith House  
*Photo # 1 of 2* Front Facade, looking east



Fall River MRA, Ms

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399 North Main St.

John Mace Smith House

Fall River, Mass.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279

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*J.M. Smith, Home*

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MASS. HIST. COM.:

September 17, 1982

Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Re: 399 North Main Street  
Historic Site  
Fall River Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Weslowski:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 26, 1982. It is our desire to have the building located at 399 North Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts considered for nomination by the State Review Board to the National Register of Historic Places. We believe that the structure both qualifies and merits such recognition for the following reasons:

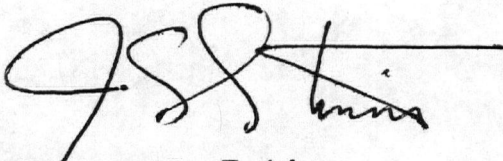
1. The building exhibits outstanding architectural qualities which have recently been completely restored, both on the interior and exterior. It is a classic Greek Revival "temple front" house built in 1844.
2. The original architecture has remained relatively unchanged.
3. Important people lived and worked in this building such as: its original owner, John Mace Smith, founder of American Print-works, Dr. John W. Coughlin, Reverend H.S. Fellows and Dr. Albert Perron.
4. The building is located within a naturally historic district near many old homes, which

Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director  
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are presently listed with the Massachusetts  
Historical Commission and Fall River  
Preservation Society, and across from the  
Bristol County Superior Courthouse.

Enclosed is copy of the Form B listing for this building  
together with a number of photographs depicting it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JSE Entin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey S. Entin

JSE/app

Enclosure