

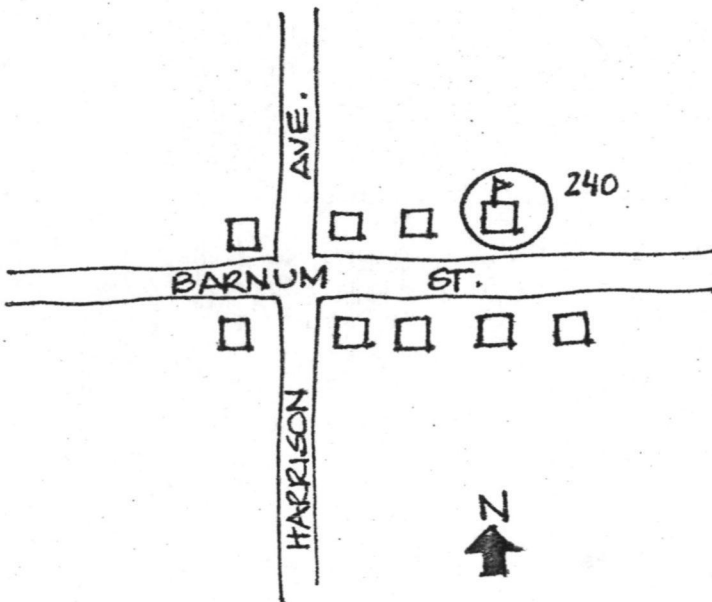
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	240

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 Taunton ✓  
Address Barnum St. ✓  
Name Barnum School ✓  
Present use School  
  
Present owner City of Taunton

3. Description:  
Date 1926  
Source City Records  
Style Georgian-Revival  
Architect Walter H. Barker, Contractor  
George W. Briggs, Architect  
Exterior wall fabric Brick  
Outbuildings (describe) None  
Other features See Attached.

Altered No Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: WARD-2, PLAN-11, BLOCK-24, LOT-29  
One acre or less .41 Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 95'  
Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by TW  
Organization TCHS  
Date 9-20-79

UTM: 19/326140/4639960

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City  
 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 Barnum School is one of three extant schools in Taunton built in the 1920's in the Georgian Revival Style. Its semi-fireproof construction, and generously proportioned classrooms were two of the many features that characterized the structure as the most modern in school design in an era of continuing educational reform.

The school replaces a previous one on the site, the "Barnum St. School." which burned in 1926.

Description: The square building is 2 stories and has a 3-bay facade occupied by a central projecting bay enclosing the major entrance. Other portions of the wall surface have filled-in windows, that now appear as large brick panels. The roofline is accentuated by a cornice, and brick parapet, and a central scro-led plaque with finial, bearing the school's name.

The Barnum School possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places standing with the Hopewell School (#240) as Taunton's best preserved examples of the 20th century public educational architecture reflecting current population trends and ideas of education reform of the time.

*Boundaries conform to current lot lines.*

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

-1926, Municipal Register

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

dnr-11

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area  
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cover 7/5/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |   |                                  |            |                              |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| -50 1. Roseland                                 | Substantive Review               | Keeper     | <u>Reject</u>                |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 2. Old Colony Iron Works-Nemasket Mills Complex | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 3. Reed and Barton Complex                      | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 4. 'St. Mary's Complex                          | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 5. Whittenton Mills Complex                     | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 6. Hopewell Mills District                      | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 7. Taunton Green Historic District              | Substantive Review               | for Keeper | <u>Bruce M. Dwyer 3/1/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 8. Atwood, Charles R., House                    | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 9. Barnum School                                | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 7/5/84</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     |                              |
| 10. Bartlett, J. C., House                      | Substantive Review               | for Keeper | <u>Bruce M. Dwyer</u>        |
|   |                                  | Attest     | <u>7/5/84</u>                |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Barnum School (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	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

Barnstable School (Tarrant H. A.)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



#240

Barnum School  
Taunton MRA, Ma



Prestige Prints

by Berkey

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MAY 1980



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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
NOMINATION

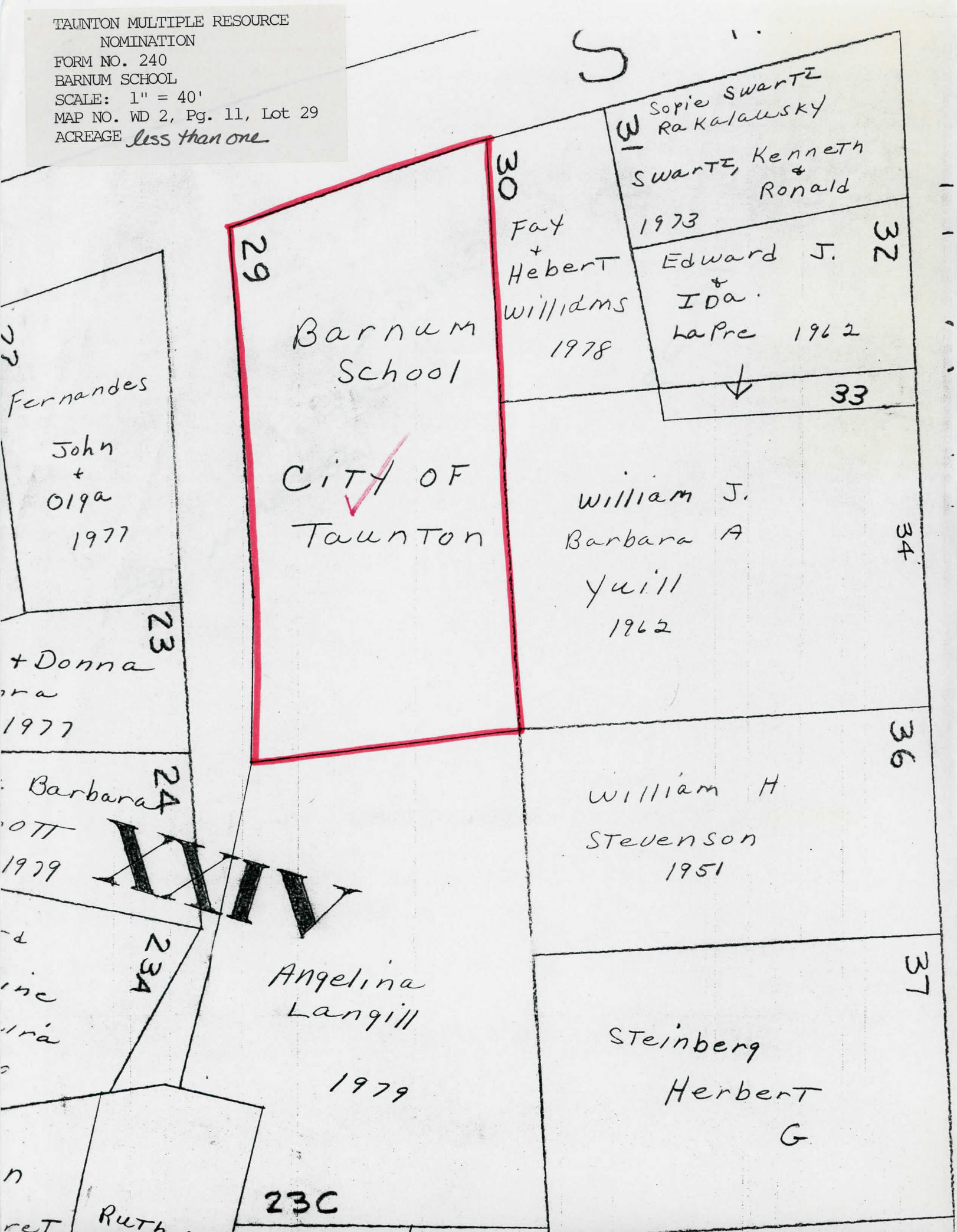
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BARNUM SCHOOL

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD 2, Pg. 11, Lot 29

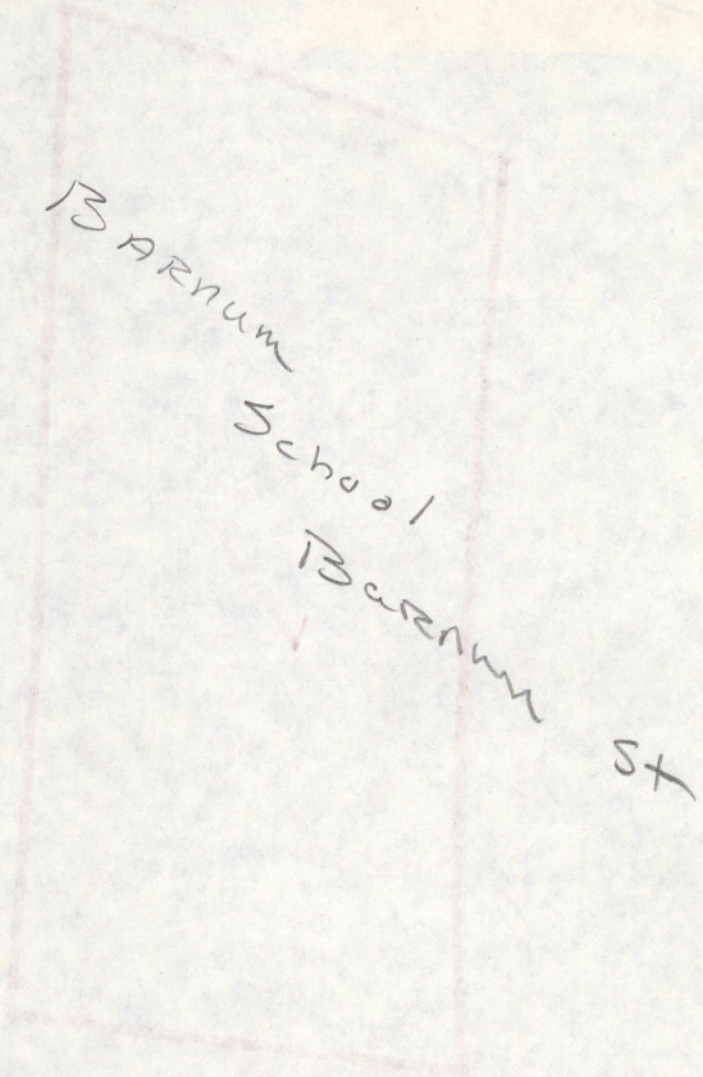
ACREAGE *less than one*



2-11-11  
AD

240

lot  
29



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297