

FORM B - BUILDING

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

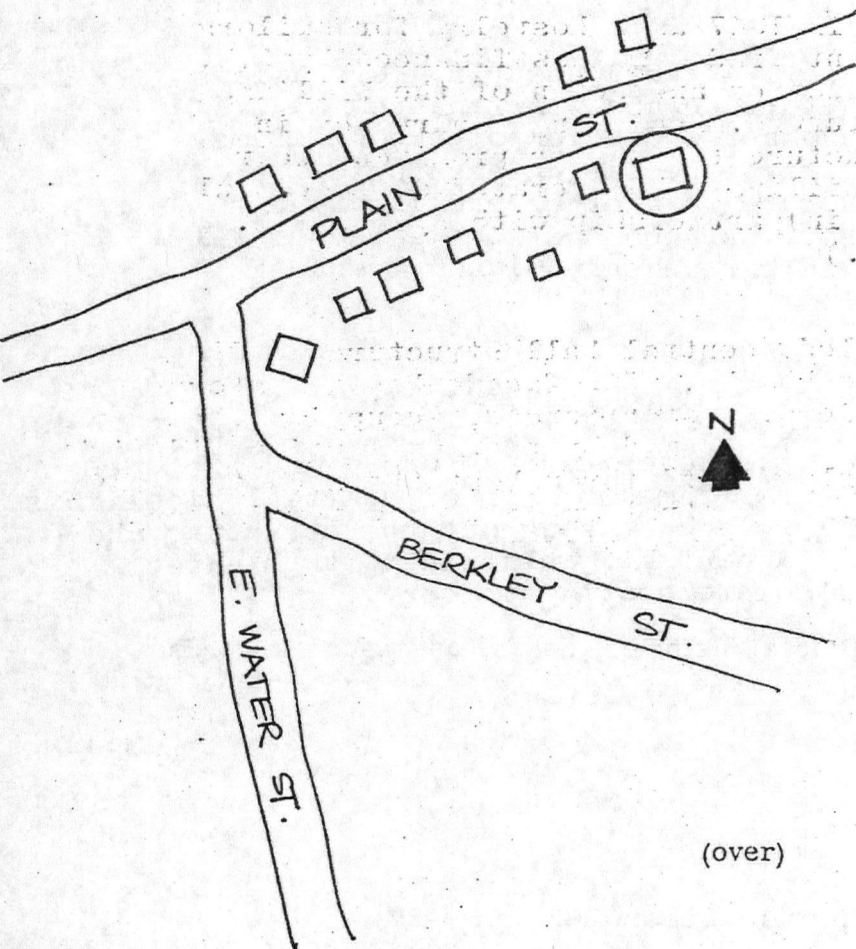
In Area no. K	Form no. 323
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Taunton ✓  
Address 15-17 Plain St. ✓  
Name Stone House ✓  
Present use Residence  
Present owner A. & E. Medeiros

3. Description:  
Date 1847  
Source Date Plaque  
Style Greek Revival  
Architect Unknown  
Exterior wall fabric Coursed Stone Blo  
Outbuildings (describe) None  
Other features See attached.

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



Altered No Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Lot size: WARD 6 PLN-12 BLK-43-LOT-10  
One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 69.5'  
Approximate distance of building from street  
6'  
6. Recorded by T.W.  
Organization T.C.H.S.  
Date 8/29/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326750/4638885

7. Original owner (if known) G.W. Williams  
 Original use Tenement  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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	<u>x</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

Monumentally-scaled and constructed of coursed and uncoursed stone blocks, 15-17 Plain St. is one of the outstanding architectural elements of Weir Village and an extraordinary example of Greek Revival design. It and the "Stone Cottage" at 66 Winthrop St. are the only standing residential structures built of stone that date from the Greek Revival Period in the city.

The building was built in 1847 as a hostelry for sailors and others in the sea merchant trade and was financed by G.W. Williams, prominent Weir landowner and scion of the Williams family, early brick manufacturers. Declaring bankruptcy in 1867, Williams sold the structure to another prominent Weir industrialist, William H. Phillips, who operated a successful shipping and coal operation in partnership with Sylvanus N. Staples (Staples & Phillips.)

Description: The broad-gabled, central hall structure is 2½ stories tall. Its coursed stone facade has a 1-story porch with square granite piers. Two entrances, occupying the interior bays of the facade, are framed by narrow, partial sidelights. 2/1 sash windows are regularly placed throughout the structure and are capped by stone lintels. A central gable window terminates in a round-arched transom with intersecting tracery.

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

Beers, 1871  
Walker, 1881  
Dunbar, 1850

- INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Taunton	Form No: 323
Property Name: Stone House	

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

9. Historical Significance (continued)

The Stone House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places as a rare surviving Greek Revival style stone house in Taunton and for its historical association with two prominent Weir industrialists and Taunton's shipping economy in the 19th century.

Boundaries conform to present lot lines.

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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 Taunton Multiple Resource Area  
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|--|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 61. | School Street School                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 62. | Staples, Sylvanus N., House              | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 63. | Stone House                              | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 64. | Sweet, Albert, House                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 65. | Taunton Alms House                       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 66. | Taunton Public Library                   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 67. | Thomas, H. P., House                     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 68. | Tisdale-Morse House                      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 69. | Union Congregational Church              | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |
| 70. | Union Mission Chapel-<br>Historical Hall | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>7/5/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     | _____                | _____         |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stone House (Taunton MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 21 1984

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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

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

Stone House (Tansons H.H.A.)  
 Bristol County  
 MASSACHUSETTS

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Stone House

Taunton MRA

Prestige Prints

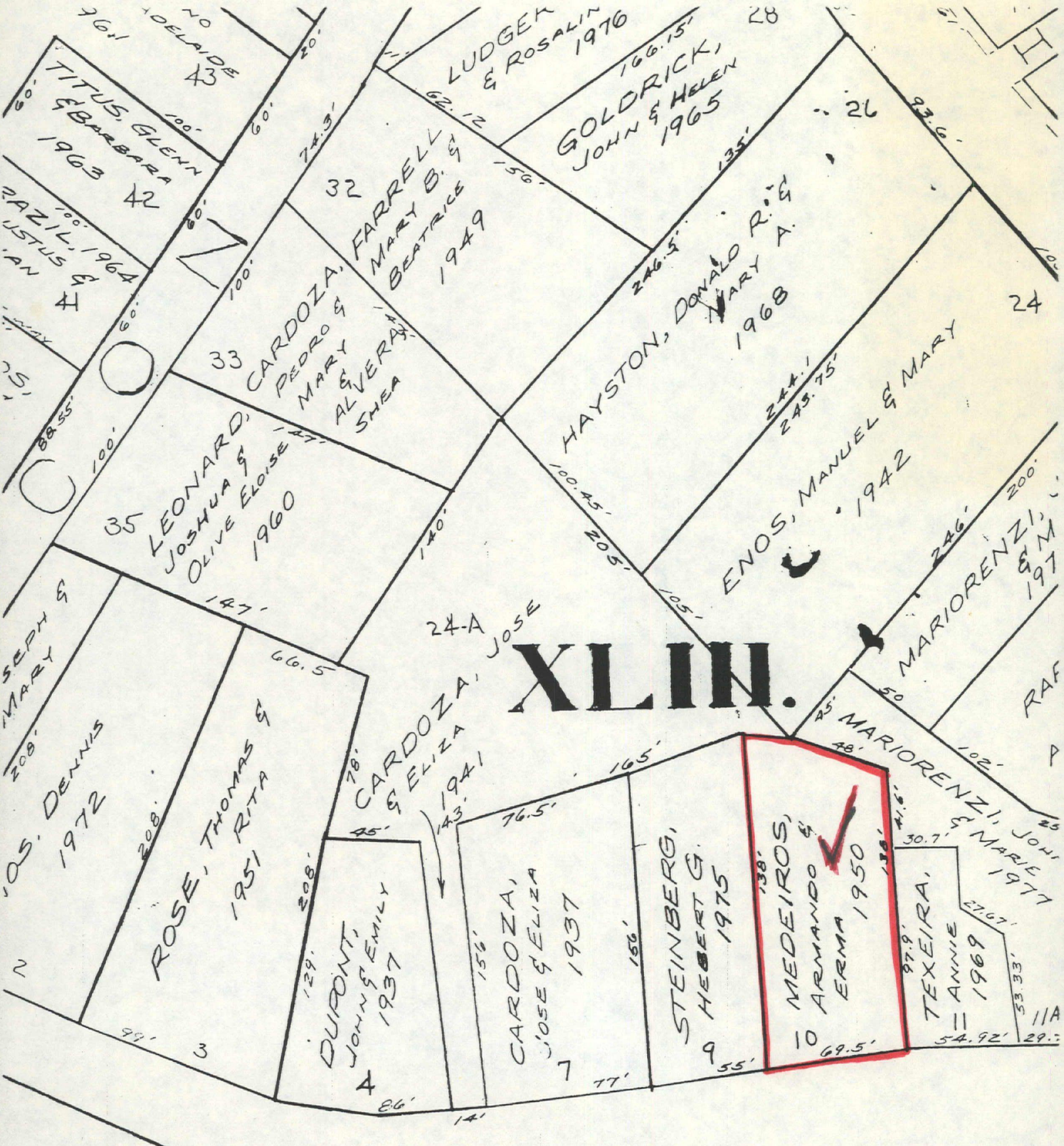
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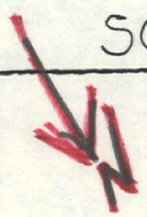
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# XLIII.

YAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
 NOMINATION  
 FORM NO. 323  
 STONE HOUSE  
 SCALE: 1" = 60'  
 MAP NO. WD6, Plan 12, Lot 10  
 ACREAGE .55

SCALE - 60'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297