

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	341

1. Town Taunton  
 Address 322 Somerset Ave.  
 Name H.P. Thomas House  
 Present use Halfway House

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
 Staple to left side of form  
 Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Present owner James Elms

3. Description:

Date c. 1887

Source City Directory

Style Queen Anne

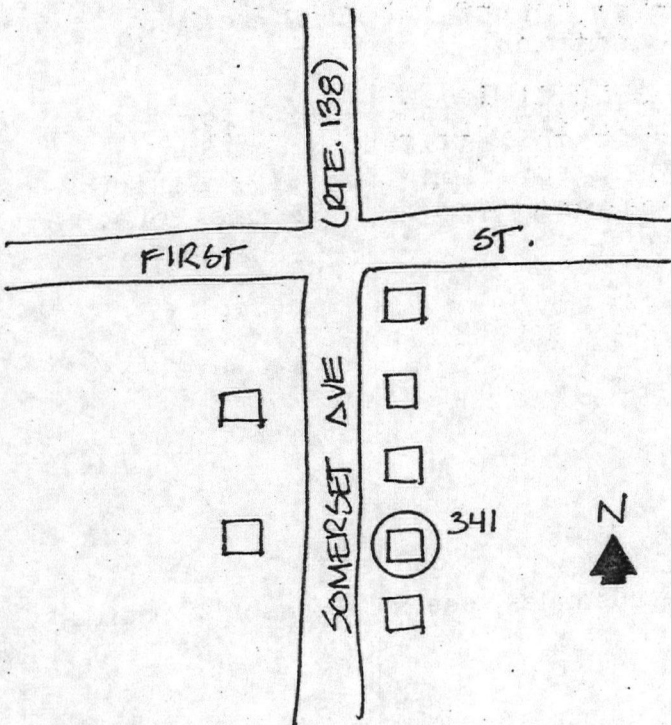
Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards, Shingle  
Flushboard Wainsco in

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-06 <sup>MAN-5</sup> BLK. - 16 - LOT-14

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

Approximate frontage 83.7'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 9/18/79

(over)

UTM: 19/326250/4639215

7. Original owner (if known) H. P. Thomas

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Halfway House

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

Like all of Taunton's Queen Anne Period architecture, this house displays a conservative plan type, but features unusually ornate and varied ornament derived from Eastlake and Tudor designs. These elements include a wall surface enlivened with clapboards, cut shingles and wainscoting, pedimented gables applied with curved truss bracket motifs, porch with drilled and spindled screens, and elaborate wrought iron cresting. The house is informal, yet is among the most Picturesque of the City's Victorian Era construction, and is equally exceptional for its virtually intact condition.

It is likely that the house was built in c. 1887 for an H.P. Thomas, whose descendants inhabited it in the 20th century. Possessing integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association, the H. P. Thomas House meets criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

*Boundaries conform to current lot lines.*

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

Walker, 1881  
Bristol Co. Atlas of Surveys, 1895  
City Directories, 1887, 1937

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Thomas, H.P., House (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

THOMAS, R.F., III  
 BRADFORD COUNTY  
 MASSACHUSETTS

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage 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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Taunton MRA, Ma

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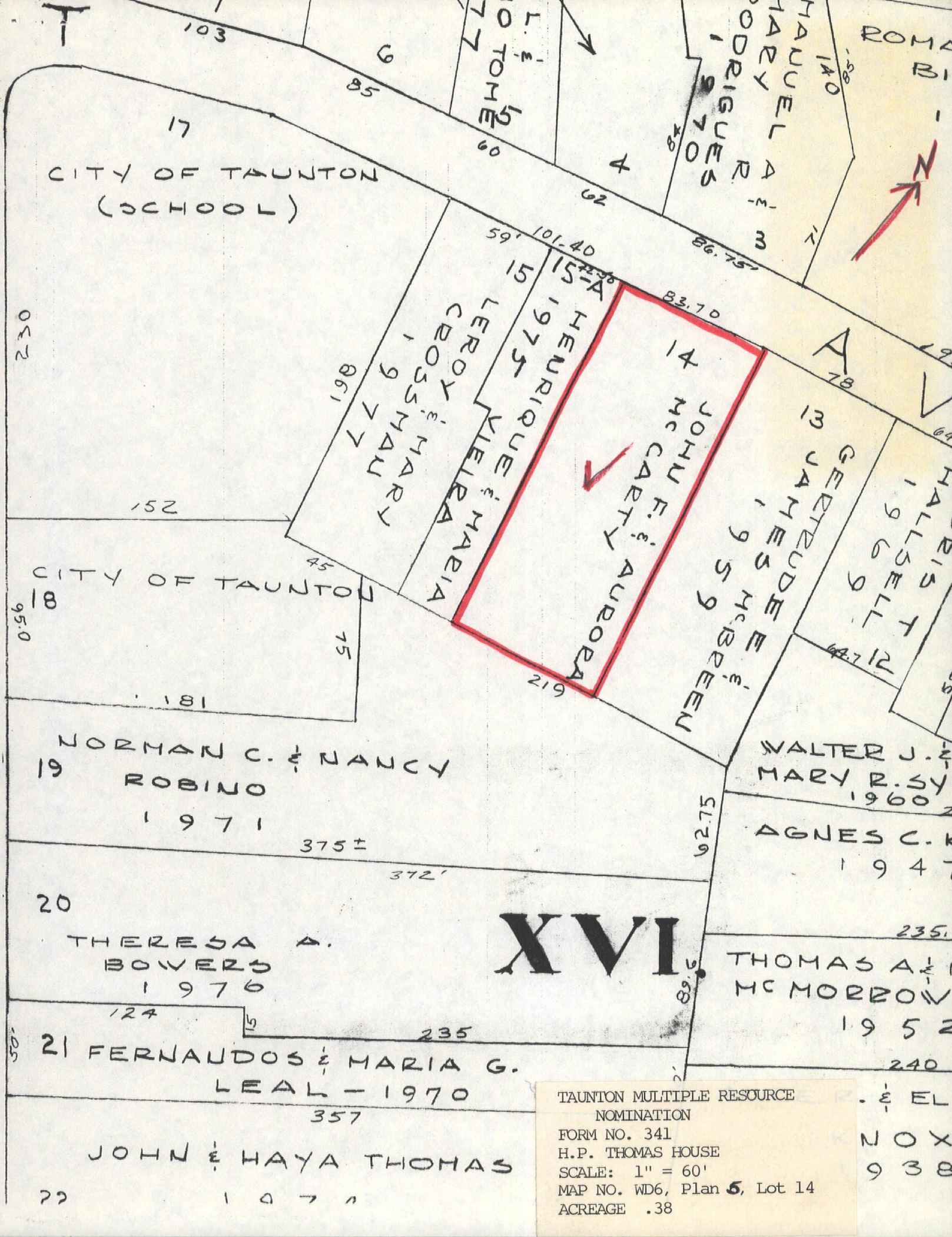
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17  
CITY OF TAUNTON  
(SCHOOL)

18  
CITY OF TAUNTON

19  
NORMAN C. & NANCY  
ROBINO  
1971

20  
THERESA A.  
BOWERS  
1976

21  
FERNAUDOS & MARIA G.  
LEAL - 1970

22  
JOHN & HAYA THOMAS

14  
JOHN F. & AURORA  
MCCARTY

15  
LEROY & MARY  
CROSSMAN  
1977

15-A  
HENRIQUE & MARIA  
KLEIRA  
1975

13  
GERTRUDE E.  
& JAMES  
MCBREEN  
1959

WALTER J. &  
MARY R. SY  
1960

AGNES C. K  
1947

THOMAS A. &  
MCMORROW  
1952

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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE  
NOMINATION  
FORM NO. 341  
H.P. THOMAS HOUSE  
SCALE: 1" = 60'  
MAP NO. WD6, Plan 5, Lot 14  
ACREAGE .38

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297