

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. K	Form no. 296
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1. Town Taunton ✓
 Address 530 Weir St. ✓
 Name Weir Engine House ✓
 Present use Fire and Police Station

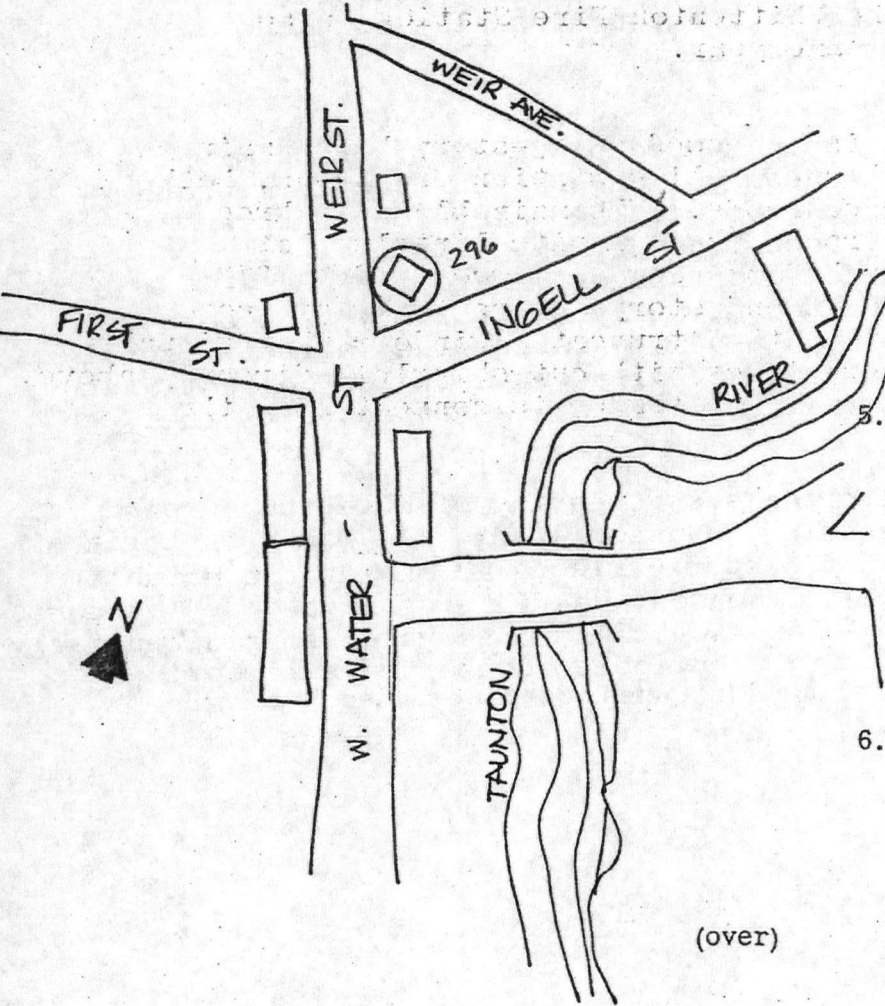
2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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 Photo number _____

Present owner City of Taunton

3. Description:
 Date 1889
 Source City Records
 Style Queen Anne

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

Architect Abner Coleman
 Exterior wall fabric Common Bond Brick
 Outbuildings (describe) None
 Other features See attached.



Altered Doors replaced Date 20th C
 Moved No Date _____
 5. Lot size: WARD-6, PLAN-4, BLOCK-11, LOT-8
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 70'
 Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by T.W.
 Organization T.C.H.S.
 Date 8/29/79
 ULT: 19/326620/4639175

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Taunton
 Original use Fire Station
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Weir Engine House is one of three fire stations built in Taunton in the 1880's that exhibit Queen Anne style details, and remain in a good state of preservation. Designed by architect and fire chief, Abner Coleman, the structure is closely modeled after the Whittenton Fire Station, also designed by Coleman in the same year.

Description: The building is composed of 2½-story brick main block and a rear ell that houses police station functions, both of which are capped by hipped roofs. The main block's three engine bays are trimmed by rock-faced granite lintels that conform to the segmental-arched openings. A group of 3, 2/2 sash windows, occupying the second story central bay, are contiguous with a corresponding set of truncated windows that visually support a gabled wall dormer, inset with cut shingles, directly above. A hose-drying tower, with wood balustrade, is connected to the structure at the rear.

The Weir Engine House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of two notable Queen Anne style influenced firehouses (see #405) designed by Taunton's second fire chief, Abner Coleman and built to serve dense residential/commercial neighborhoods during a period of concerted municipal

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

City Records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Community: Taunton	Form No: 296
Property Name: <i>Weir Engine House</i>	

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

Historical Significance (cont.)

advancement at the end of the 19th century.

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Weir Engine 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

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

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

Wainwright House (Tunton M.A.)
Gracey County
MICHIGAN

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: _____



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Weir Engine House
Taunton MA, Ma

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MAY 1980



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297