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AREA

FORM NO.

QC-156

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Quincy, MA / MRAAddress 1227-59 Hancock StreetHistoric Name Munroe BuildingUse: Present Offices/storesOriginal Offices/stores

DESCRIPTION

Date 1929Source Building permitStyle Colonial RevivalArchitect Shephard and StearnsExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) windowalterations (1980s) - see reverseCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 1.2 acres

Setting The Munroe Building is the more
intact of two adjacent two-story
Colonial Revival office buildings
erected in Quincy Center in the 1920s.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner/ J. JohnsonOrganization Quincy Historical CommissionDate July 1, 1986 / May 1987

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and
white) Indicate address of
property on back of photo.
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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s).
Indicate north

SEE ATTACHED MAP

UTM REFERENCE 19/334,600 E/4,679,500 NUSGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MASCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Munroe Building retains integrity of design, location, materials, feeling, as well as associations with the growth of Quincy and the redevelopment of Quincy Center in the 1920s. The work of noted Boston architects, the Munroe Building is Quincy's most elaborate and intact example of a commercial building in the Colonial Revival style. The building fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Atlas of Norfolk County, Mass., 1876.
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- Atlases of the City of Quincy, 1897; 1907; 1923.
- Quincy Patriot Ledger, Souvenir Edition, 1899, p. 22.
- "Sprague Genealogy of Old Braintree Families". Microfilm at the Quincy Historical Society.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Quincy, Mass.

Form No:

QC-156

Property Name: *Munroe Bldg.*

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 1227-1259 HANCOCK STREET
MUNROE BUILDING

The Munroe Building, 1227-1259 Hancock Street, was constructed at a cost of \$250,000 in 1929. It was the second of a pair of large two-story commercial/office buildings to be built on the west side of Hancock Street in the 1920s. The first, the Dimmock Building (1929), erected a block away, has been significantly altered. Both buildings were among several large masonry buildings erected along Hancock Street, north of Quincy Square, in the 1920s. These structures replaced frame stores, houses, and taverns after Hancock Street was widened in the mid-nineteen teens. The building has housed retail establishments in its ground floor storefronts and professional offices on the second floor.

Built by Henry M. Faxon, the Munroe Building occupies land that had been under the ownership of the Faxon family for over one hundred years. Henry inherited the property from his father, Henry Hardwick Faxon (1823-1900). Henry, senior, was a successful real estate entrepreneur and temperance crusader who owned many houses and stores in Quincy as well as large holdings in Boston and Chelsea. His son, Henry Munroe Faxon (1864-1949), a founder and president of the Quincy Electric Light and Power Company, continued his father's real estate business.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY	Form No: QC-156
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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 1227-1259 HANCOCK STREET
MUNROE BUILDING**

This 1929 two-story brick and limestone commercial block is the finest Colonial Revival commercial building erected in Quincy Center in the 1920s. It was designed by Shephard and Stearns, Boston architects who also designed South Junior High School (1927; #401) and the addition to the Quincy Electric and Power Company Power Station (1925; #QC-112).

The architects resolved the building's corner location in a most successful manner. The Hancock Street elevation consists of three gables, each composed of an arched window framed by two single windows on the sides, a variation of the Palladian design. Between the gables are three triple windows capped by a blind elliptical arch decorated with a raised fan motif. The lower elevation, around the corner has the same pattern repeated with only two gables. These varied decorative elements are unified by a contrasting string course on the ground and second floor level. The corner is further emphasized by the presence of two contrasting pilasters framing a triple window, topped by an inset panel with letters that say "Munroe Building." The detailing of this building includes numerous late Georgian elements, in particular the fine swags embellishing the applied gables on two facades and the frieze of triangular triglyphs and rosettes over the store windows. The conversion of several second story windows to one-over-one sash, and the replacement of two wood storefront enframements, with anodized aluminum (1980s) has not compromised the building's overall architectural integrity.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Quincy MRA
State Norfolk County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. House at 32 Bayview Avenue

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

Attest _____

42. House at 92 Willard Street

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

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43. House at 94 Grandview Avenue

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

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44. Jewell, David L., House

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45. Lennon, Edward J., House

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

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46. Marsh, Charles, House

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47. Marsh, Edwin W., House

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

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48. McIntire, Herman, House

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

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49. Miller, Edward, House

Substantive Review

Keeper Betty Savage 3/8/90

Attest _____

50. Munroe Building

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National RegisterKeeper Shelores Byers 9/20/89

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Munroe Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Quincy MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/22/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/07/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/21/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001349

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/20/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count	resource type
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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic	current
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DESCRIPTION	DATE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
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__ architectural classification
__ materials
__ descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below
1960-1969	
1970-1979	
1980-1989	
1990-1999	
2000-2009	
2010-2019	
2020-2029	

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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____acreage      ____verbal boundary description
UTMs            boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentatio

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

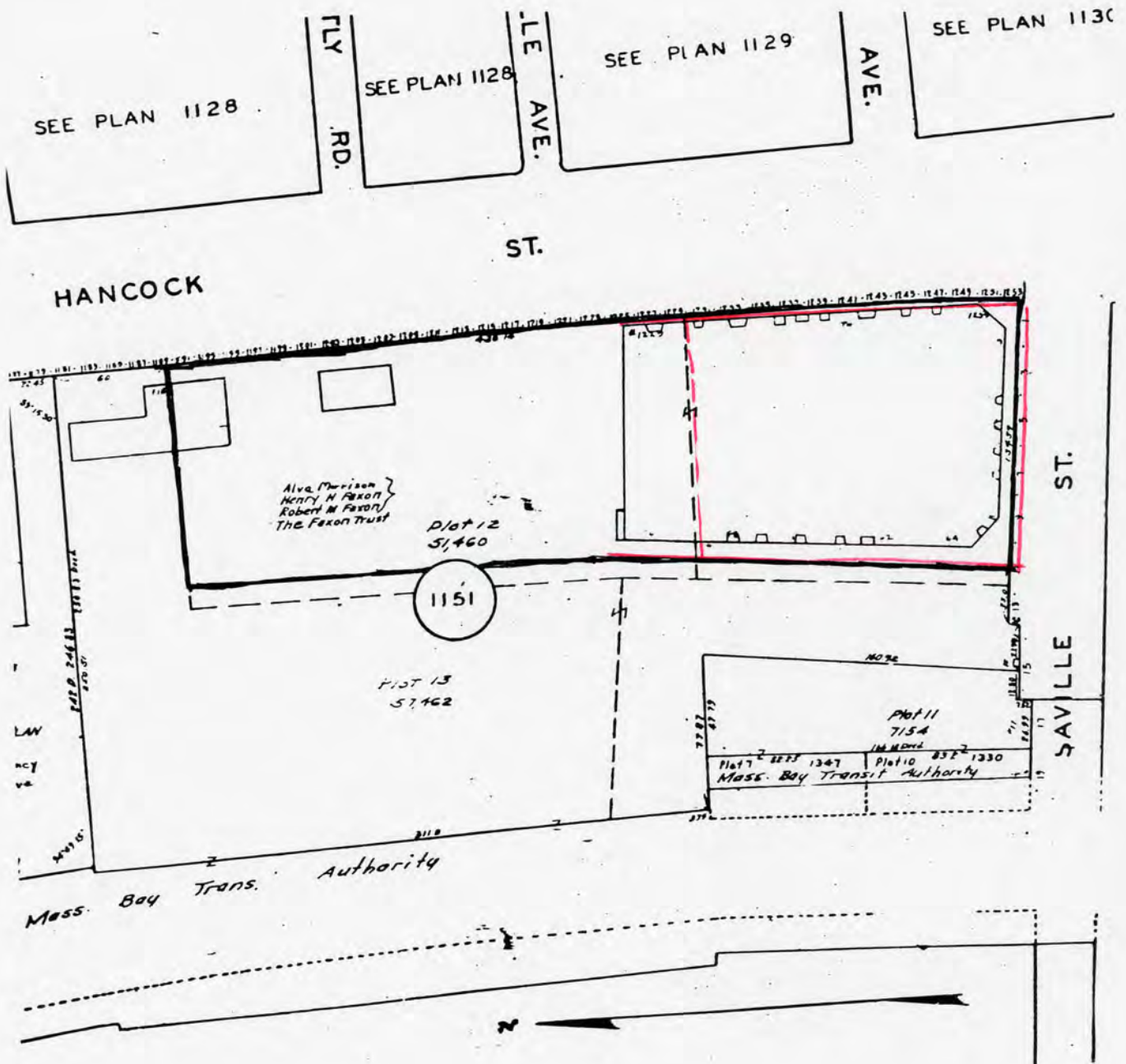
Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1227 - 1259 Hancock St.
Munroe - Building
by: Julie Johnson
at: Planning Dept - Quincy
date: July 1987
view: west
pic # : QC-156

QC - Quincy, MASS.



Address 1227-1259 Hancock Street
Munroe Building

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # QC-156

1979

Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000289