

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

86

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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

Town Quincy, MA / MRAAddress 310 Adams StreetHistoric Name Faxon HouseUse: PresentOriginal single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1880 and 1931Source maps, directories, building permitsStyle Colonial RevivalArchitect 1931-Shephard and StearnsExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardsOutbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Major renovation-1931 (see reverse)Condition goodMoved no Date _____Acreage less than one acre: 39,324 sq.ft.

Setting The house is prominently sited on
a hill overlooking Adams Street, an area
of large 19th century estates with a
twentieth century subdivision to the rear.

UTM REFERENCE 19/333,600E/4,679,620NUSGS QUADRANGLE Boston South MASCALE 1: 25,000Recorded by Fannin & Lehner/ J. JohnsonOrganization Quincy Historical CommissionDate June 14, 1986/ May 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Faxton house retains integrity of design, materials, feeling, location and association with Quincy's suburban development of the 1930s. The house is the most elaborately articulated example of Colonial Revival architecture of the period in Quincy, and as such, fulfills Criterion 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 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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessors Records.
Robinson's Atlas of Norfolk County, MA., 1888
Atlases of the City of Quincy, 1897; 1907.
Building permits, alterations.
H. Hobart Holly, Quincy Historical Society
Quincy City Directories.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

86

Property Name: FAXON HOUSE

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 310 ADAMS STREET
FAXON HOUSE

Job Franklin Faxon was the original owner of this house in the 1880s. Job Faxon was a flour merchant in Boston; he was married to Carloine Francis Reed who stayed in residence until the mid 1920s. The property then came into the ownership of Job Faxon's nephew, Henry Munroe Faxon. Henry Munroe Faxon remodelled the 19th century house with Colonial Revival additions in 1931 for his son Robert M. Faxon. The updating of the Faxon House coincided with residential development elsewhere on Adams Street in the 1930s. This consisted of the subdivision of several estates for the development of large suburban residences built in the Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival styles. Son of Henry Hardwick Faxon, who started an enormously successful real estate business in the 19th century, Henry Munroe Faxon continued and expanded the family business. Faxon was one of the most active real estate developers in Quincy in the 1920s. His Colonial Revival Munroe Building in Quincy Center (1924, #QC-156) is one the most elaborate and best preserved of the period.

Adams Street which was originally a section of the old Boston Plymouth Highway was established as Quincy's most exclusive residential area in the 18th century. The Vassell-Adams House (1731; NR) is the only extant house from this early period. The presence of the Furnace Brook and close proximity to Quincy Square also drew wealthy residents there in the 19th century. Well-preserved 19th century estates include the Baxter-King House (#84) and the Timothy Reed House (#85).

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 310 ADAMS STREET
FAXON HOUSE

This impressive residence began life in 1880. One of the visible vestiges of that period construction is an oriel window on the side elevation. In 1931, Henry M. Faxon, "modernized" the house. The architects for the renovation were Shepard and Stearns of Boston who designed for the owner an elaborate Colonial Revival envelope covered with the vocabulary of the Georgian style. The dominant element of the Colonial Revival design is the large modillioned gable filled with an oculus. Below, a slightly projecting pavilion has a Palladian window with balcony over a recessed entrance flanked by pilasters. The rear elevation is equally ornamented; it features roof dormers with alternating pediments, and a Doric portico topped by a pediment embellished with decorative swags. Articulating the corners of the main section of the house are large Ionic pilasters; a balustrade wraps around the flat top of the hipped roof.

Shephard and Stearns designed several other buildings in Quincy during the 1920s and 1930s. Those included in this nomination are the South Junior High School (1927; #401) and the Munroe Building (1924; #QC 156).

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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

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| 21. Curtis, Noah, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 22. Curtis, Thomas, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 23. Davis, Dr. Frank, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 24. Dicey, Russell M., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 25. Dogget, Solon, House | Entered in the
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| 26. Dorothy Q Apartments | Entered in the
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| 27. Elks Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 28. Faxon House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 29. First Baptist Church of Wollaston | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Shelover Byrum</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 30. Fore River Club House | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Faxon House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Quincy MRA
NAME:

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: 89001310

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

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



310 Adams St. Quincy Ma

Fannin/Lehner
Planning Dept
facing South

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Quincy MA, Ma



Address 310 Adams Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 1177-B

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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