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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

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Town Quincy, MA / MRAAddress 42 Bicknell StreetHistoric Name Brown-Hodgkinson HouseUse: Present Two family dwellingOriginal Single family dwelling

## DESCRIPTION

Date 1832Source Quincy Historical Society RecordsStyle Federal/ Queen Anne/ Colonial RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardsOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

see attached architectural significanceCondition FairMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre: 15, 318 sq.ft.Setting The house is the largest of severalhouses on this residential street datingback to Germantown's fishing community ofthe 1830s. A public housing complex is  
across the road.Recorded by Fannin & 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. 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

UTM REFERENCE 19/337/900 E/4,679,420 NUSGS QUADRANGLE Hull, MassachusettsSCALE 1: 25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Brown-Hodgkinson House retains integrity of location, materials, feeling, and association with Quincy's early 19th century fishing community at Germantown. The building fulfills Criterion A 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.

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**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**

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

FORM NO:

QUINCY, MA

49

Property Name: *Brown-Hodgkinson  
House*

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 42 BICKNELL STREET  
BROWN-HODGKINSON HOUSE**

The house at 42 Bicknell Street is historically one of the most important in the Germantown neighborhood of Quincy. The house was built by Captain Charles A. Brown who, with Captain Elisha Holmes left Provincetown to establish a fishing community at Germantown in the 1830s. Brown and Holmes (whose house at 52 Bicknell Street has been sided) owned most of the property in the area and built several house which they rented or sold to others in the community. Beginning with cod and mackerel fishing in the 1830s, the business at Germantown included whaling expeditions by the 1840s. In the 1850s, the maritime character of Germantown was further enhanced by the establishment of the Sailor's Snug Harbor, a retirement home for active seamen (none of the original buildings survive). Joseph Bacon, superintendent at the Home, bought 42 Bicknell Street in 1852. In 1882, the property was conveyed to Benjamin F. Hodgkinson (who in 1900 bought the Holmes house as well). The Hodgkinsons ran a large prosperous dairy farm at Germantown from the 1830s until operations ceased in 1948.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Quincy, MA	Form No: 49
Property Name: <u>BROWN HODGKINSON HOUSE</u>	

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 42 BICKNELL STREET  
BROWN-HODGKINSON HOUSE

The Brown-Hodgkinson house, as built in 1832, was a late example of Federal period design erected in a relatively isolated fishing community in Quincy. Federal period features that are still evident include the brick end-chimneys, double hip roof, longitudinal orientation, plain corner boards, and simple window enframements. The house probably resembled 52 Bicknell Street which is now covered with aluminum siding. During the Queen Anne period, in the 1880s, the owners enlarged the house by adding a cross gable on the side elevation, complete with the typical overhanging gable cornice and decorated inset panels in the window bays. Further additions and embellishments were made in the 1910s. At that time, the house received its elegant Colonial Revival front porch with columns supporting a dentiled roof. The pedimented entrance is the focus of ornamentation. Of particular note is the unusual balustrade composed of outwardly curving balusters and square paneled bases for columns.

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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 Group

Name Quincy MRA  
State Norfolk County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover <u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 9-20-89</u>
1. Alden, Arthur, House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9-20-89</u> Attest _____
2. Brainbridge, Randolph, House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9-20-89</u> Attest _____
3. Barker, George A., House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9-20-89</u> Attest _____
4. Barker, Henry F., House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9-20-89</u> Attest _____
5. Barnes House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9-20-89</u> Attest _____
6. Barnicoat, S.H., Monuments Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
7. Bateman, William R., House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
8. Baxter Street Historic District <u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage 9-20-8</u> Attest _____
9. Bethany Congregational Church Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
10. Brown--Hodgkinson House Entered in the <u>National Register</u>	for Keeper <u>Shelton Byrum 9/20/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Brown--Hodgkinson House

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: 89001319

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



42 BICKNELL ST QUINCY <sup>MA, Ma</sup>

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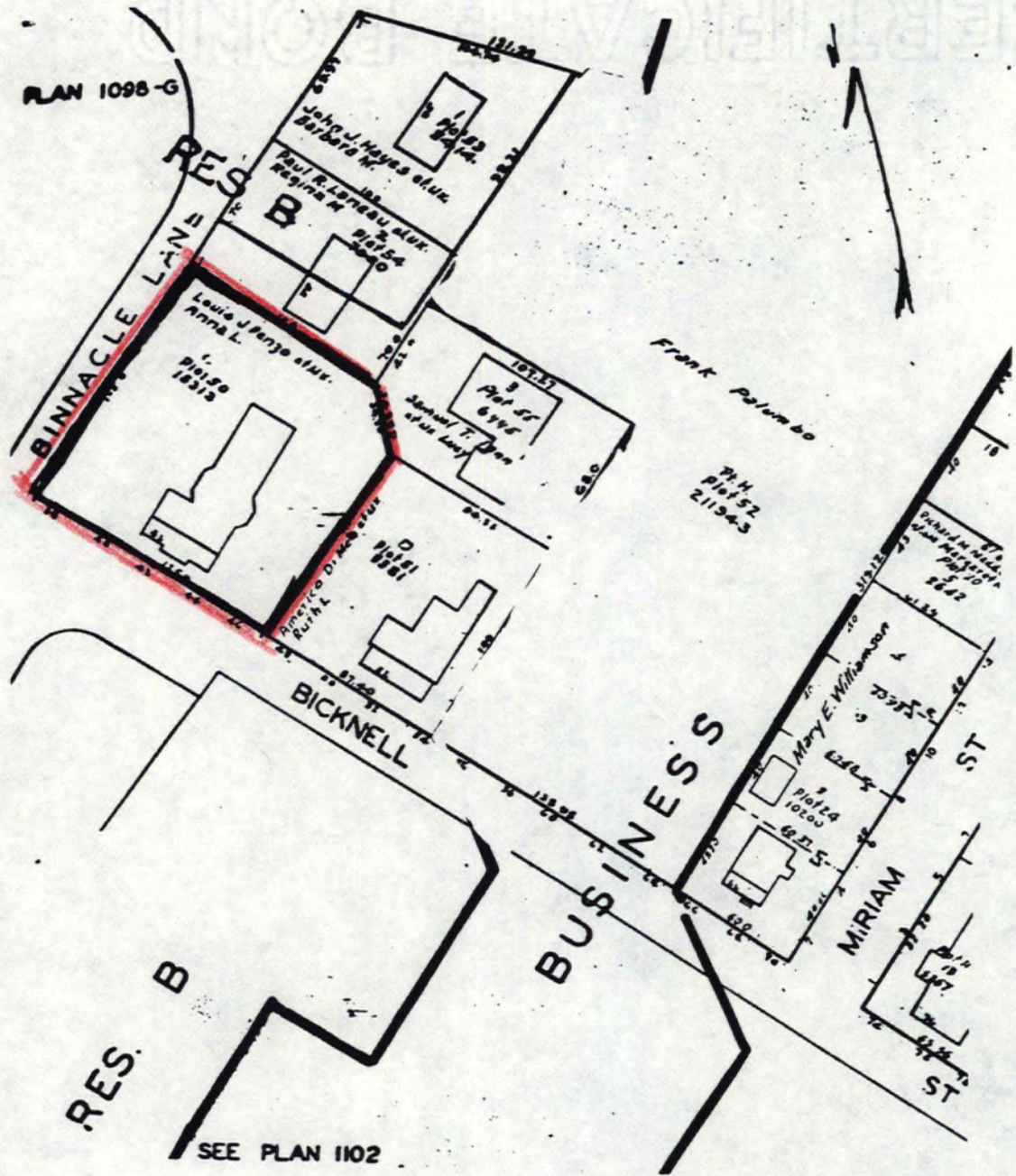
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Brown-Hodgkinson House



PLAN 1098-G

RES. B

BINNACLE LANE

BICKNELL

BUSINESS S

MIRIAM

RES. B

SEE PLAN 1102

Address 42 Bicknell Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA  
Assessors Map # 1100

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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