

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

	SW 421
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Town Quincy, MA/ MRA

Address 24 Quincy Street

Historic Name Nightengale House

Use: Present two family residence

Original single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1855

Source Quincy Historical Society Records

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboards

Outbuildings garage (1925) ~~Na~~

Major Alterations (with dates) one story

rear addition

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre: 4, 798 sq. ft.

Setting This is one of the earlier modest

houses on Quincy Street, a narrow residential

street that underwent its main development

between 1860 and 1890.

Recorded by Fannin & Lehner/ J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date 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 19/334,460 E/4,678,420 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

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

The house at 24 Quincy Street is among the best preserved residences of the period in this section of southwest Quincy. It is a well-executed example of the transition from the Greek Revival to the Gothic Revival styles in a vernacular form of the period. The house 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 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.

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

City Directories.

H. Hobart Holly, Quincy Historical Society.

"Southwest Quincy: Then and Now." Quincy Neighborhood Housing Services. Text by Julie Johnson.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY	Form No: SW-421
Property Name: Nightengale House	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 24 QUINCY STREET**

This house was built in the 1850s probably for Thomas J. Nightengale, a carpenter who passed the house on to his son Jerimiah Nightengale, a farmer, after 1876. Charles Thaxter, a chauffeur, was the owner by 1907. In 1923 the house was owned by Elphege Messier, identified as a clerk in City directories.

Quincy Street was formerly known as Quincy Place. In 1851 the street had eleven houses and little development took place until after 1870 when workers, chiefly in the granite business, settled this neighborhood of Southwest Quincy. Many of the new residents were Scandanavian immigrants who worked in the nearby quarries.

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 24 QUINCY STREET**

This house represents transitional architectural tastes; it is a blend of the Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles seen frequently in workers cottages built in South and West Quincy during the mid-19th century. The one-and-a-half story dwelling at 24 Quincy Street is one of the few such houses to survive without severe alterations. The basic five-bay gable-roofed form is embellished with Gothic Revival features such as the steeply-pitched dormers and pointed arched windows under the end gables. Greek Revival style elements include the strong pilasters at the corners, the wide frieze board under the eave and the entrance framed by narrow sidelights and topped by a plain entablature. The house is set on a granite foundation and has granite steps leading to the entrance. A garage at the rear of the property was built in the twentieth century (noncontributing).

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Quincy MRA  
State Norfolk County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. Nelson, John R., House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
52. New England Telephone Building <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
53. Newcomb Place <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
54. Nightengale House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
55. Nightengale, Solomon, House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
56. Nowland, J. Martin, House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
57. Pinkham House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
58. Pratt--Faxon House <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
59. Quincy Electric Light and Power Company Station <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
60. Quincy Police Station <b>Substantive Review</b>	Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage</u> 3/8/90 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Nightengale 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: 89001370

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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



24 Quincy Street

Nightingale House

at: Planning Dept. - Quincy

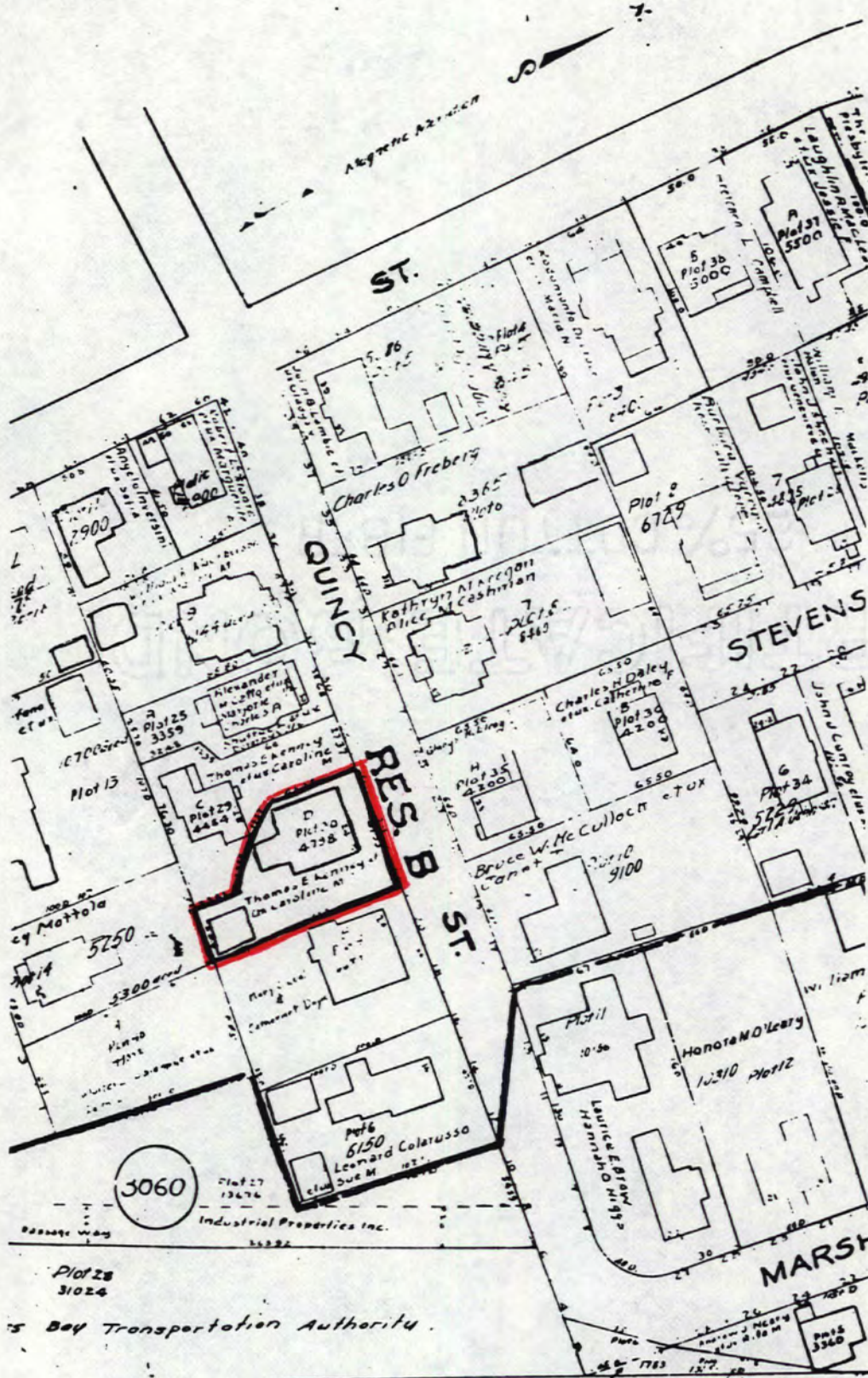
by: Julie Johnson

date: July 1987

view: South

PICT # 3N-421-421

Quincy, Mass.



Address 24 Quincy Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA  
Assessors Map # 3057-58-59-60

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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