

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
30 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	PH 87

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 11 Avon Way

Historic Name Frank W. Crane House

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

Use: Present single family dwelling

Original single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1902

Source maps and research materials

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage less than one acre: 12,960 sq.ft.

Setting The house is situated on a short residential street on President's Hill it is one of several large turn of the century houses on the block.

Recorded by Fannin & Lehner/J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date June 14, 1986/May 1987

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 19/334,340 E/4,679,360 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

1: 25,000

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

The Frank W. Crane House retains integrity of location, design, materials, feeling, as well as association with the development of Quincy's affluent residential neighborhoods at the turn of the century. The well detailed Colonial Revival-style house is characteristic of dwellings erected in the President's Hill neighborhood by local businessmen, civic leaders, and affluent Boston commuters. 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.

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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**

"A Brief Historical Sketch of the City of Quincy, Mass." Issued by the President's Hill  
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: <i>QUINCY, MA</i>	Form No: <i>PH-87</i>
Property Name: <i>Frank W. Crane Hse.</i>	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 11 AVON WAY  
FRANK W. CRANE HOUSE**

This imposing house at 11 Avon Way was built by Frank W. Crane, and his wife, Jennie M., about 1902. The Cranes remained in residence through the 1930s. Frank W. Crane was a partner in F.H. Crane and Sons, dealers, in hay, grain and flour. With offices at the corner of Saville and Hancock Streets, Crane had a short walk to work. Crane's family business which later included the selling of home heating oil, was still in existence in the 1950s.

This house is located in the President's Hill section of the President's Hill/Cranch Hill neighborhood of Quincy. This area, immediately adjacent to Quincy Center, is roughly bounded by the MBTA tracks (east); Granite Street and Quarry Streets (south); Carrolls Lane, Adams Street (north); and Quarry Street (west). President's Hill was developed as an elite residential area for affluent Quincy businessmen, civic leaders, and Boston commuters upon the division of the Charles Francis Adams Estate in the 1890s. The property was divided into three contiguous real estate trusts called President's Hill, President's Hill Annex, and Cranch Hill. President's Hill took its name from the Adams family who furnished two United States Presidents. The close proximity of the Quincy Depot (which served the Old Colony Railroad and the Street Railway) and of Quincy Center were crucial factors in the successful development of President's Hill between the 1890s and the late 1930s.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 11 AVON WAY  
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This Colonial Revival residence is an attractive example of the style and one of the best-preserved of the many Colonial Revival houses built on President's Hill in the early twentieth century. Its symmetrical three-bay facade is dominated by a central portico and a full-width porch. The Georgian details are particularly fine; they include the vase shaped balusters of the porch and portico, the double Doric columns and the urn shaped finials. The door was modeled after a Federal example with its elliptical fanlight and long sidelights. The house is set on a granite foundation, as is the porch, and has a steep pitch hip roof punctuated by hip dormers, a configuration typical of the 1900s. Framing the facade are corner pilasters and a wide cornice board both features reminiscent of Greek Revival houses. This house is not a copy, but rather an imaginative interpretation of classic regional architecture.

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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

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------|
| 11. Building at 1--7 Moscow Street | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 12. Building at 51 Hunt Street     | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 13. Burgess, Charles H., House     | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 14. Burgess, Frank, House          | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 15. Burgin, Clarence, House        | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 16. Central Fire Station           | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 17. Christ Church                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 18. Christ Church Burial Ground    | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 19. Coddington School              | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>9/20/89</u> |
|                                    |                                     | Attest   | _____                | _____          |
| 20. Crane, Frank W., House         | Entered in the<br>National Register | ✓ Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> | <u>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: Crane, Frank W., 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: 89001312

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  
 UTMs       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 \_\_\_\_\_



11 Avonway Quincy

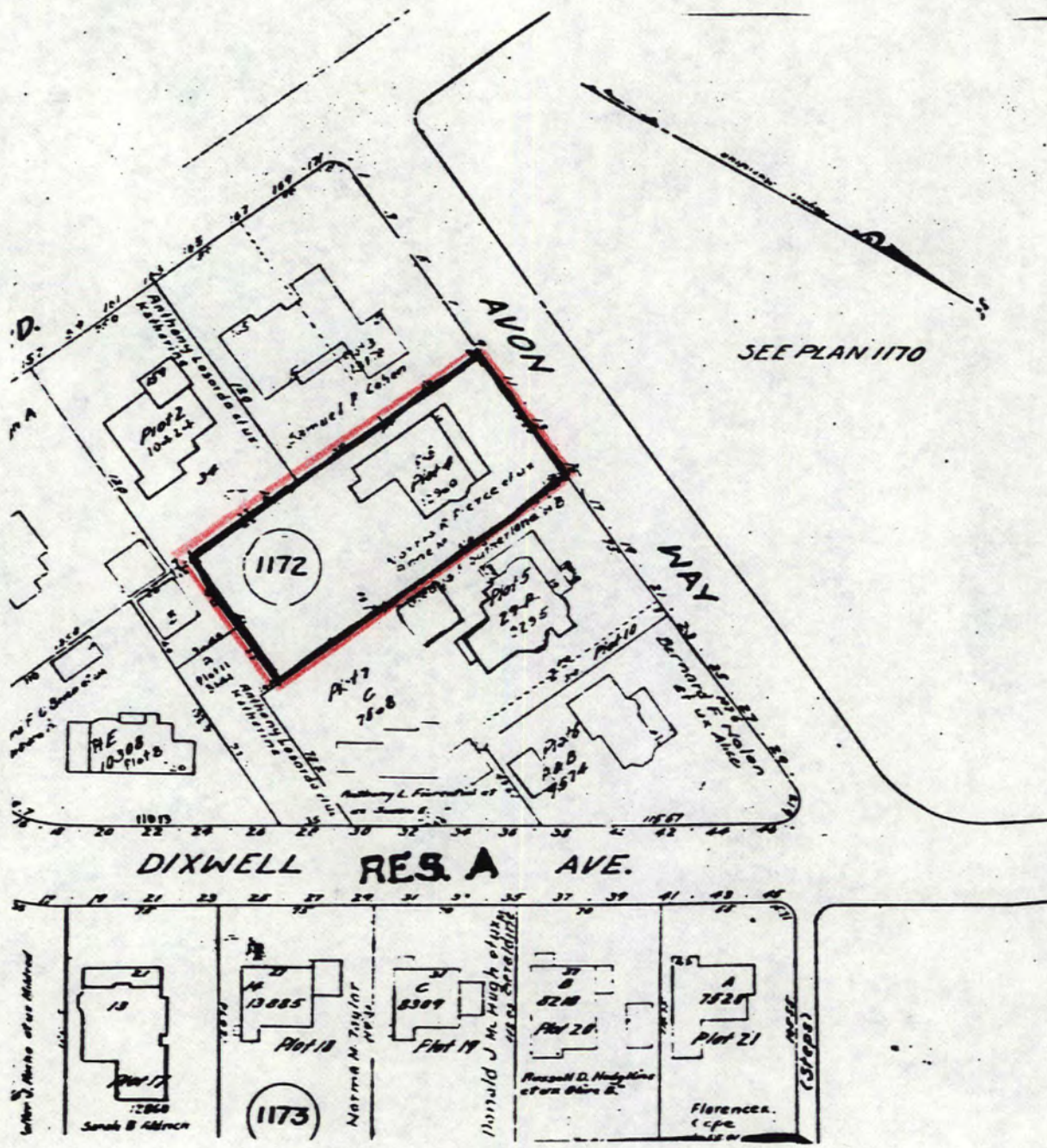
Fannin/Lehner Spring 1986

Planning Dept. Quincy

July 1987  
Bury West

PH 87

Craig, Frank W., House  
Quincy MRA, MA



Address 11 Avon Way

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 1172-73

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