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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
0 BOYLSTON STREET
QUINCY, MA 02116

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 354 Highland Avenue

Historic Name Alfred H. Richards 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 1923

Source Building permit

Style Colonial Revival

Architect William Chapman

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboards

Outbuildings frame garage (1923) -- ~~NO~~

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre: 16, 875 sq. ft.

Setting This is one of the newest houses on Highland Avenue, a street in Wollaston Heights developed in the 1880s and 1890s.

Recorded by Fannin & Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date June 21, 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

JTM REFERENCE 19/333,260 E/4,680,440 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Associated with suburban expansion of the 1920's, the Alfred H. Richards House is among the most elaborate of several similar, well-detailed examples of the Colonial Revival style built in Quincy during this period. Designed by a locally-known architect, the house retains integrity of design, materials, location, feeling, and association. The house meets 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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building permit.

City directories.

D. Foster Taylor, "Wollaston As It Was In the 1870s" (written in 1946). Quincy History, Quincy Historical Society, January 1985.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

WH-535

Property Name: *Alfred H. Richards Hse*

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 354 HIGHLAND AVENUE
ALFRED H. RICHARDS HOUSE

This house was built in 1923 for Alfred H. Richards the vice-president of the Wollaston Cooperative Bank (established in 1889). As one of the few houses built in the 1920s in the neighborhood, 354 Highland represents the last wave of substantial residential building construction in Wollaston Heights.

This house is located in Wollaston Heights, a neighborhood of substantial suburban houses built during the last three decades of the 19th century. Defined as the section of Wollaston located on Wollaston Hill, the Wollaston Heights neighborhood is roughly bounded by Beale Street (north); South Central Avenue (south); Newport Avenue and the MBTA tracks (east); and South Central Avenue (west). The neighborhood was part of a 300 acre tract of farmland purchased by the Wollaston Land Associates in 1869. The Associates marketed Wollaston Heights as a status residential community for affluent Quincy businessmen and Boston commuters. Key to the success of the development was the easy access to the railroad which, by the 1860s, had opened a station at Beale and Newport Street. In an arrangement negotiated by George Pinkham, business manager for the developers, the Old Colony Railroad issued free passes good for three years to anyone purchasing a house lot from the Wollaston Land Associates. Rapid building construction ensued with the majority of houses in the neighborhood built by 1900.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 354 HIGHLAND AVENUE
ALFRED H. RICHARDS HOUSE

Architect designed, as were several houses built by prominent Quincy citizens in the 1920s and 1930s, this large residence is an archetypal example of a Colonial Revival house of the 1920s. The house is a traditional rectangular structure with a symmetrical five-bay facade, central pedimented portico, dormers and slightly recessed wings. Classical details include the dentils and modillions under the eaves, gable-roofed dormer windows with balustrades over each wing. The proportions are closer to 18th century models than most of the late 19th century examples of the style. Adopted primarily for the small one-and two-family residences erected in modest north Quincy neighborhoods, this typical Colonial Revival format is here expressed on a larger scale. A frame garage is located at the rear of the property (noncontributing).

As one of the few houses built in the 1920s in the neighborhood it represents the last wave of suburban building construction on Wollaston Hill. Boston architect William Chapman designed the house. Chapman was well known in Quincy having previously designed several public buildings and residences. Included in this nomination is the Wollaston Branch Library (1922; #489).

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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

61. Quincy Savings Bank Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
62. Quincy Water Company Pumping Station Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
63. Record, Jonathan Dexter, House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
64. Reed, Timothy, House Substantive Review for Keeper Beth L. Savage 9-20-89
Attest _____
65. Richards, Alfred H., House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
66. Salem Lutheran Church Substantive Review for Keeper Beth L. Savage 9-20-89
Attest _____
67. Sheppard, Eben W., House Substantive Review for Keeper Eligible - Beth L. Savage 9-20-89
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Attest _____
68. Sidelinger, George E., House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
69. South Junior High School Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 9/20/89
Attest _____
70. Spear, Seth, Homestead Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Delores Byrum 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: Richards, Alfred H., 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: 89001353

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
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

 sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

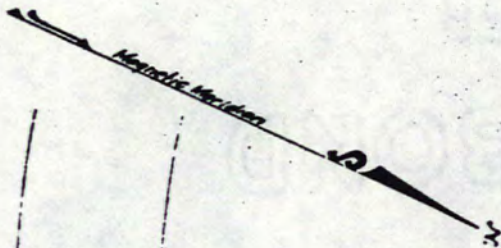
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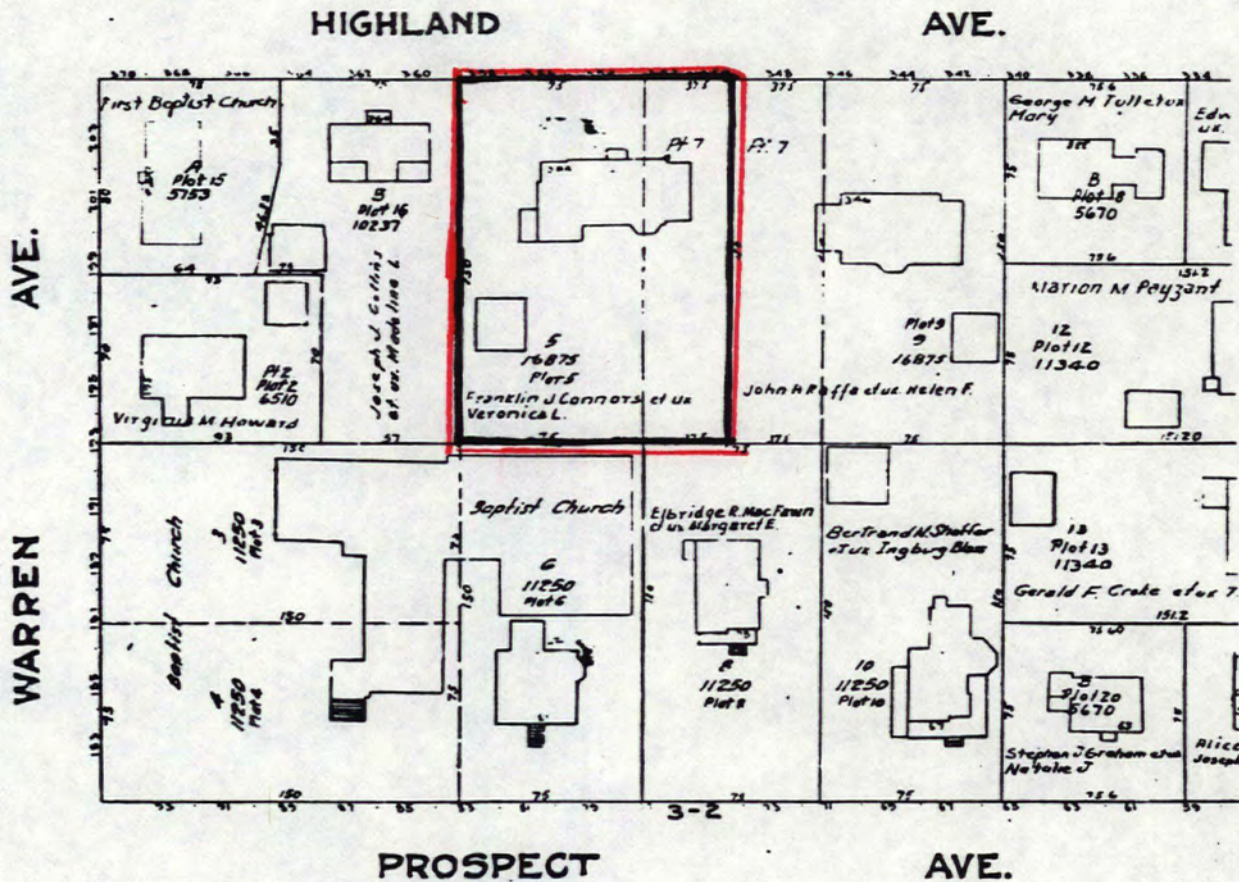
354 Highland Ave, ^{end}
Alfred H. Richards House 87
by: Julie Johnson
at: Planning Dept. - Quincy
view: East
date: July 1987

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Quincy, Mass.



SEE PLAN 5175



SEE PLAN 5182

Address 354 Highland Avenue

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 5180

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