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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

	489
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Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 41 Beale Street

Historic Name Wollaston Branch, Thomas

Crane Public Library

Use: Present public library

Original public library

DESCRIPTION

Date 1922

Source Library records

Style Classical Revival

Architect William Chapman

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date

Acreage less than one acre: 8,539 sq. ft.

Setting The library is located in a busy civic and commercial neighborhood center in the Wollaston section of Quincy.

Recorded by Fannin and 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

TIM REFERENCE 19/333,530 E/4,681 140 N

SGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Wollaston Branch library is associated with the development of Quincy's commercial and civic neighborhood centers, and with the expansion of municipal services in the 1920s. The finely scaled library is a well preserved example of Classical Revival architecture that retains integrity of design, location, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association, and 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

Assessors Records.

William Churchill Edwards. Historic Quincy, Massachusetts, 1957, p.196.

L. Draper Hill, Jr. "The Crane Library", 1962, p. 11-14.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY, MA	Form No: 489
Property Name: <i>Wollaston Branch Lib.</i>	

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 41 BEALE STREET
WOLLASTON BRANCH LIBRARY

The public library system began in Quincy in 1871 when the citizens voted to appropriate \$3,500 plus the proceeds of the dog tax for the salary of a librarian and the upkeep of a library building if an equal amount could be raised by private subscription. Public response was so fervent that a library opened that very same year in the Adams Academy Building on Adams Street (1872; NR). Three years later the library was transferred to the vacated Evangelical Congregational Church, at Revere Road and and Hancock Streets, where it remained until 1882. That year the main library was opened in Henry Hobson Richardson's magnificent Thomas Crane Public Library at 40 Washington Street (1881; NR).

Given the suburban settlement of North Quincy in the first quarter of the twentieth century, it is not surprising that residents began to desire a neighborhood library. Similar growth in West Quincy led to the establishment of a branch there in 1921 although the building is no longer used as a library. The Wollaston Women's Club undertook a fundraising campaign and presented the land for the library to the Trustees of the Thomas Crane Library. A portion of the Crane Memorial Fund was used to build the \$15,000 structure on a site convenient to two neighborhood schools. In 1922, the Wollaston Branch of the Thomas Crane Library was erected on Beale Street near its intersection with Hancock Street. The area around this intersection developed as a commercial and civic neighborhood center in the 1920s.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 41 BEALE STREET
WOLLASTON BRANCH LIBRARY

One of two branch libraries erected in Quincy in the early 1920s (the other is in West Quincy), the Wollaston Library is a well-preserved example of the Classical Revival style applied to a small public building. The building remains in use as a library and is the grander of the two small libraries designed by William Chapman, a Boston architect, who lived in Wollaston. Chapman designed several other public buildings in Quincy in the 1920s although the Wollaston Library is the only one with sufficient integrity to be included in the nomination.

The one-story rectangular stucco structure has a hip roof and an elegant entrance within a projecting central gabled pavilion. The transomed door is set within a mitered surround and is framed by Ionic pilasters, topped with a dentilled entablature, and capped with a richly embellished arched pediment. Within this pediment is a book in low relief framed by acanthus leaves, under an arched panel reading "Thomas Crane Public Library." To emphasize the richness of the entrance, a contrasting granite band was placed over the arched pediment.

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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
71. White, Charles E., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
72. Winfield House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
73. Wollaston Branch, Thomas Crane Public Library Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
74. Wollaston Fire Station Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
75. Wollaston Theatre Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
76. Wollaston Unitarian Church Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Melores Byers 9/20/89</u> Attest _____
77. Baxter--King House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byers 11/13/89</u> Attest _____
78. Masonic Temple Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byers 11/13/89</u> Attest _____
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80. Woodward Institute Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byers 11/13/89</u> Attest _____

81. Smiley, A.C., & Co. Gas Station *Subst. Review* 2/23/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wollaston Branch, Thomas Crane Public Library

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: 89001316

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



MIDDLESEX BRANCH

Wollaston Branch Library

41 Beale St Quincy

Julie Johnson July 1987


Planning Dept

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THOMAS CRANE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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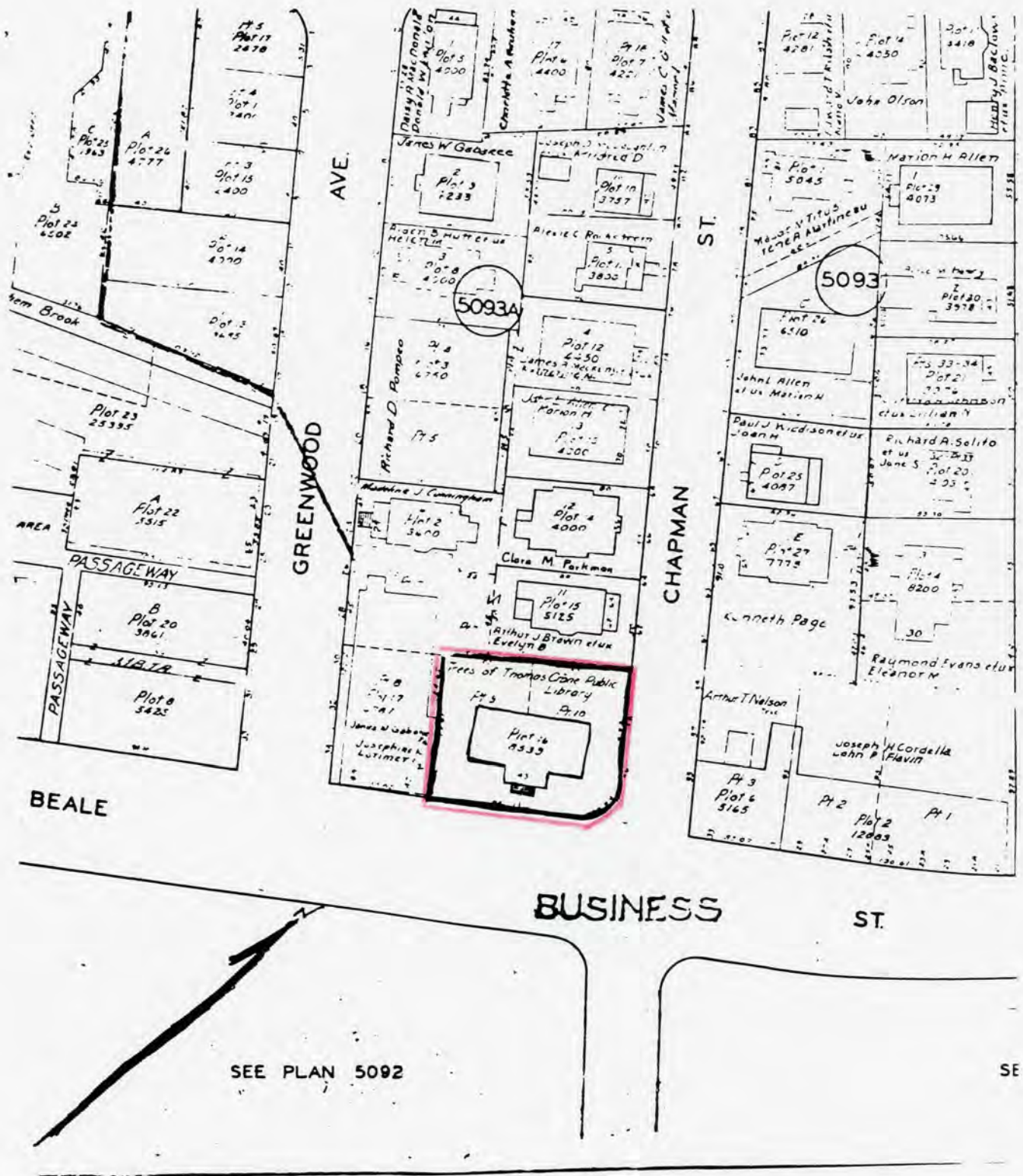
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QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA
 Assessors Map # 5093
 1979
 Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000289