

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 19/334,600 E/4,679,640 N
USGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA
SCALE 1: 25,000

OCT 1 1989

NATIONAL REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

 QC-152

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 1156 Hancock Street

Historic Name Masonic Temple

Use: Present Masonic Temple

Original Masonic Temple

DESCRIPTION

Date 1926

Source Building permit

Style Classical Revival

Architect J. William Beal and Sons

Exterior Wall Fabric limestone

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date

Acreage less than one acre: 21,653 sq.ft.

Setting The temple is on a prominent corner on Hancock Street in Quincy Center.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date June 17, 1986 / May 1987

1952

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Masonic Temple, a center for Masonic organizations in Quincy for over fifty years, retains integrity of association, design, location, materials, feeling, and workmanship. Dating from the 1920s, a period of significant commercial and public building in Quincy Center, the temple is a monumental NeoClassical design carried out by J. William Beal and Sons, active architects in Quincy during this period. The Masonic Temple 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.

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.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessors Records.

Building permits.

Quincy Patriot Ledger, 100th Anniversary, January 7, 1937, p.6, B-3, B-9.

Quincy Patriot Ledger, November 21, 1927, pp.6-8.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Quincy, MA	Form No: QC-152
Property Name: Masonic Temple	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- MASONIC TEMPLE
1156 HANCOCK STREET**

Part of the redevelopment of Quincy Center in the 1920s, the Masonic Temple is one of several masonry commercial and institutional buildings erected on Hancock Street during this decade. Substantial two and three story commercial and institutional structures replaced frame stores, houses, and taverns demolished after Hancock Street was widened in the mid-nineteen teens. Erected in 1926, the Quincy Masonic Building Association was by the 1930s, the headquarters for the Quincy Commandery K. T. No. 47, the St. Stehens Royal Arch Chapter, the Taleb Grotto MOVV of ER, the Manet Lodge, the Rural Lodge, and the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge. The Rural Lodge is the oldest Masonic group in the city having moved to Quincy in 1803 from Randolph. Disbanded in the 1830s, the Masons reorganized in Quincy in the late 19th century and began a campaign to fund a new building.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY	Form No: QC-152
Property Name: Masonic Temple	

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

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 1156 HANCOCK STREET
MASONIC TEMPLE**

The severe Neoclassical mode was the choice of architects J. William Beals and Sons for the style of the Masonic Building. Previously, the firm had built the Adams Building (1880-85; 1889-90; NR), the Elks Building (1924; #QC-252), and would design Bethany Congregational Church (1927; #QC-155) and the Granite Trust Company Bank (1929; #QC 171). The Masonic Temple is the finest Neoclassical building in the city. The two-story square structure is set high on a basement of regular ashlar blocks with a flat roof hidden by a shaped parapet. Dominating the facade is a projecting pavilion composed of four giant Ionic columns, set in antis, supporting an architrave replete with Masonic symbols (a compass, a keystone, with HTWSSTKS, a triangle within a triangle and a crusader type cross). A large cascade of steps leading up to the main entrance is flanked by metal tripod tables, each on a base decorated with a griffin on a terra cotta plaque. The iconography of the building is not only decorative but also of a pedagogic nature indicating, in a graphic manner, the function of the building.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

AUG 17 1989

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

71. White, Charles E., House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

72. Winfield House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

73. Wollaston Branch, Thomas Crane
Public Library
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

74. Wollaston Fire Station
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

75. Wollaston Theatre
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

76. Wollaston Unitarian Church

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

77. Baxter--King House
Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 11/13/89
Attest _____

Masonic Temple

78. Masonic Temple
Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 11/13/89
Attest _____

79. Pettengill, C.F., House
Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 11/13/89
Attest _____

80. Woodward Institute

Keeper Melrose Byers 11/13/89
Attest _____

81. Smith, A.C., & Co. Gas Station
Subst. Review

2/23/89

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Masonic Temple

MULTIPLE NAME: Quincy MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 10/10/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/25/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/10/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/24/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001952

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 11/13/89 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 _____



S-1 # 34

MASONIC TEMPLE

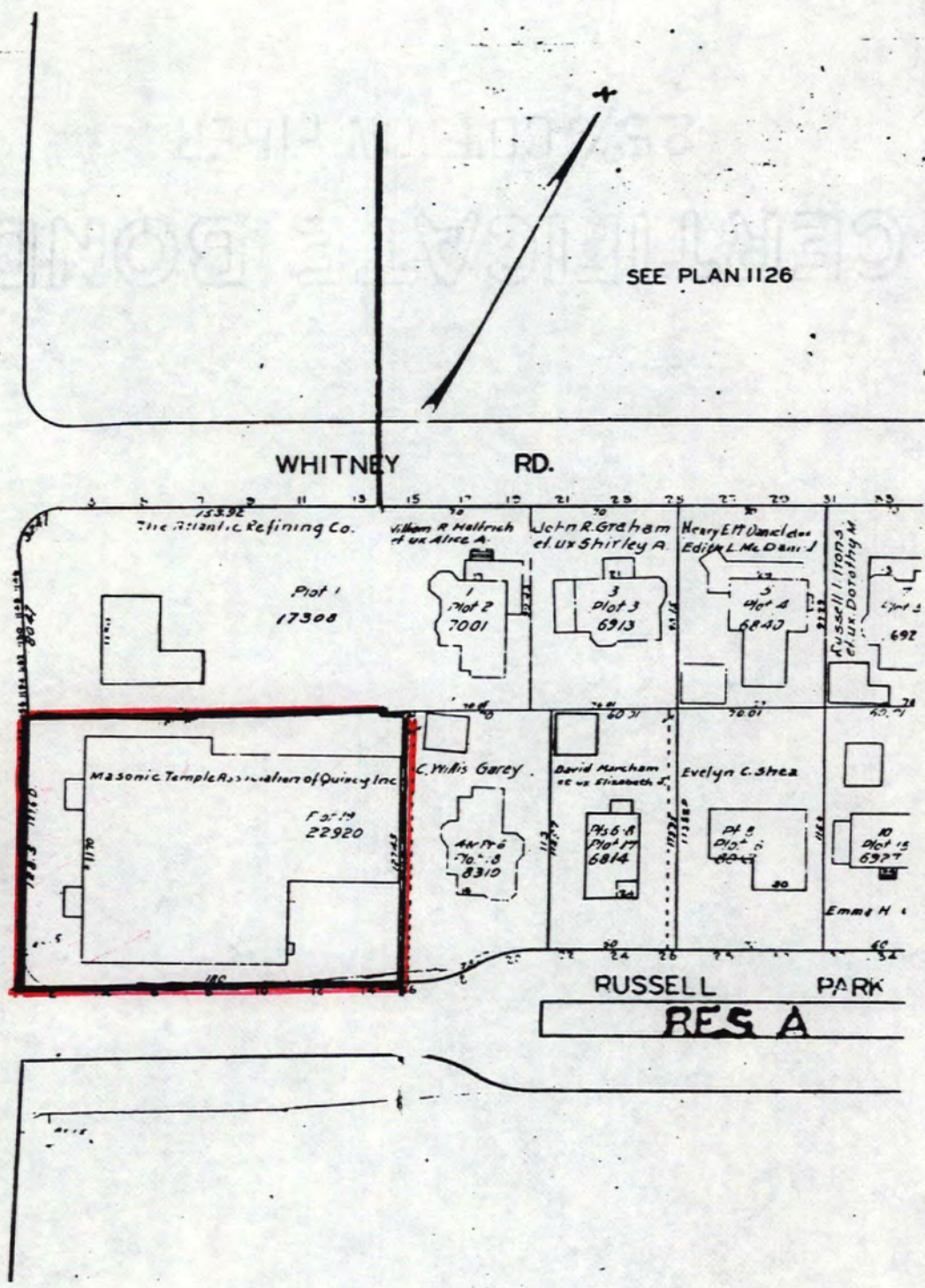
Quincy, ILL. Ill

2

ST.

HANCOCK ST. BUSINESS

51



Address 1156 Hancock Street
Masonic Temple

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA
 Assessors Map # QC-152

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