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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

	QC 171
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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 19/334,770E/4,679,200N

USGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

Town Quincy, MA /MRA

Address 1400 Hancock Street

Historic Name Granite Trust Company

(now, South Shore Bank)

Use: Present Bank/offices

Original Bank/offices

DESCRIPTION

Date 1929

Source Building permit

Style Art Deco

Architect J. William Beals and Sons

Exterior Wall Fabric granite/limestone

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre: 23,229 sq. ft.

Setting The bank is a local landmark, the major focal point of Quincy Square, at the intersection of Granite, Hancock, Chestnut and Maple Streets.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July 1, 1986/ May 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Granite Trust Bank building is Quincy's best example of the Art Deco style. Associated with a Boston architect of local importance, the building retains integrity of association, location, design, materials, setting and feeling and fulfills Criteria 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 permits.

Paul Robert Lyons. Quincy: A Pictorial History, 1983, p.48,79, 92.

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Quincy Patriot Ledger, 100th Anniversary, January 7, 1937, p.G-17-18.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY, MA	Form No: QC-171
Property Name: Granite Trust Bank	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 1400 HANCOCK STREET
GRANITE TRUST COMPANY (now South Shore Bank)**

The Granite Trust Company (now known as the South Shore Bank) which erected this building in 1929, had its roots in 1836 when its predecessor, the Quincy Stone Bank was established. The first commercial bank in the community, it was also the first in the United States to capitalize through public subscription of its stock. This notable institution grew slowly, and it was not until 1865 that it took a national charter and became the national granite bank. In 1912, prior to World War I, the bank broadened its field of activity and became the Granite Trust Company. Beginning in World War I and continuing through World War II, extraordinary leadership was provided for the bank by Theophilus King and his son Delcevere [the Baxter-King House is at 270 Adams Street]. In 1929, Theophilus King supervised the erection of the impressive granite tower at 1400 Hancock Street.

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE — 1400 HANCOCK STREET
SOUTH SHORE BANK**

The 1929 Granite Trust Company bank building is a fine example of an Art Deco office tower. It is Quincy's only "skyscraper." A local landmark, the building is prominently sited at a major intersection on the edge of Quincy Square. The limestone structure is vertically oriented; its central section is composed of graduated vertical blocks rising eight, nine, and ten stories. Three-story sections on either side of the main block act as a base and frame. Storefronts are faced in polished granite. A recessed entrance is marked by four two-story square granite columns supporting a granite entablature which reads "Granite Trust Company" (now covered by the South Shore Bank sign). Subtle ornamentation is in low relief and subjugated to the building's shape; its piers end abruptly devoid of capitals or cornices. Changes to several storefronts are contained within the original granite enframements and do not compromise the building's architectural integrity.

J. William Beal and Sons were active in Quincy during the late 19th century, and particularly in the 1920s. Other buildings designed by the firm include the Adams Building (1880-85; 1889-90; NR), the Elks Building (1924; #QC-151), the Masonic Temple (1926; #QC-152), and Bethany Congregational Church (1927; #QC-252).

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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

31. Glover House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelous Byers 9/20/89

Attest _____

32. Granite Trust Company

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33. Halloran, John, House

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34. Hardwick House

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35. Hersey, Ebenezer B., House

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36. House at 105 President's Lane

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37. House at 15 Gilmore Street

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38. House at 20 Sterling Street

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39. House at 23--25 Prout Street

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40. House at 25 High School Avenue

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Granite Trust Company
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: 89001351

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



1400 Hancock St. Company
Granite Trust Co.
by: Julie Johnston
at: Planning Dept - Quincy
date: July 1987
view: South
Pict #: QC - 171

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Quincy, MASS.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000289