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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

                     431

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
10 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 53 Taber Street

Historic Name Edward J. Lennon House

Use: Present single family dwelling

Original single family dwelling

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1888

Source Map and directory research

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood shingles, clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre: 12,010 sq. ft.

Setting This house is one of several workers cottages that surround the small landscaped park, Liberty Square.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner/ J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July 1, 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 19/334,040 E/ 4,677,800 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills , MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

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

The Edward J. Lennon House is the best preserved example of a modest Queen Anne style residence once common in the neighborhoods of south and west Quincy. The house retains integrity of design, location, materials, feeling, workmanship, and setting, 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.

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**

Assessors Records.

Atlases of the City of Quincy, 1897; 1907; 1923

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" Southwest Quincy: Then and Now." Quincy Neighborhood Housing Services. Text by Julie Johnson, 1983.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY, MA	Form No: 431
Property Name: Edward J. Lennon Hse.	

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 53 TABER STREET  
EDWARD J. LENNON HOUSE

This Queen Anne style cottage was built circa 1888 for Edward J. Lennon, an inspector for the Board of Health. The Lennon family retained the property until after 1923. The building is located on what had been known in the 1600s as Captain's Plain, which later belonged to the Adams Family. Before the death of Charles Francis Adams in 1889, his heirs formed the Adams Real Estate Trust and the land was subdivided into streets and residential lots including this area around Taber and Liberty streets and the park across from the house known as Liberty Square.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 53 TABER STREET  
EDWARD J. LENNON HOUSE

The house at 53 Taber Street is an archetypal example of a Queen Anne cottage. It is the best preserved of two identical houses that face each other on Liberty Square in Southwest Quincy. A prototype appeared in pattern books of the day such as Edmunds V. Gillon, Jr.'s Early Illustrations and View of American Architecture, figure 225, page 36. The illustration shows the same gable-end facade with decorative truss work on the projecting end of the roof line, the gable filled with varied shaped shingles, and a front porch supported by thin turned posts and small decorative brackets. Although several such houses were built in Quincy during the latter half of the nineteenth century, the house at 53 Taber Street is the only one to retain all of its original decorative detail.

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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
41. House at 32 Bayview Avenue <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
42. House at 92 Willard Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
43. House at 94 Grandview Avenue <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
44. Jewell, David L., House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
45. Lennon, Edward J., House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
46. Marsh, Charles, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
47. Marsh, Edwin W., House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
48. McIntire, Herman, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> Attest _____
49. Miller, Edward, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u><i>Barry L. Savage</i></u> <u>3/8/90</u> Attest _____
50. Munroe Building <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	Keeper <u><i>Shelores Byers</i></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: Lennon, Edward J., 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: 89001378

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

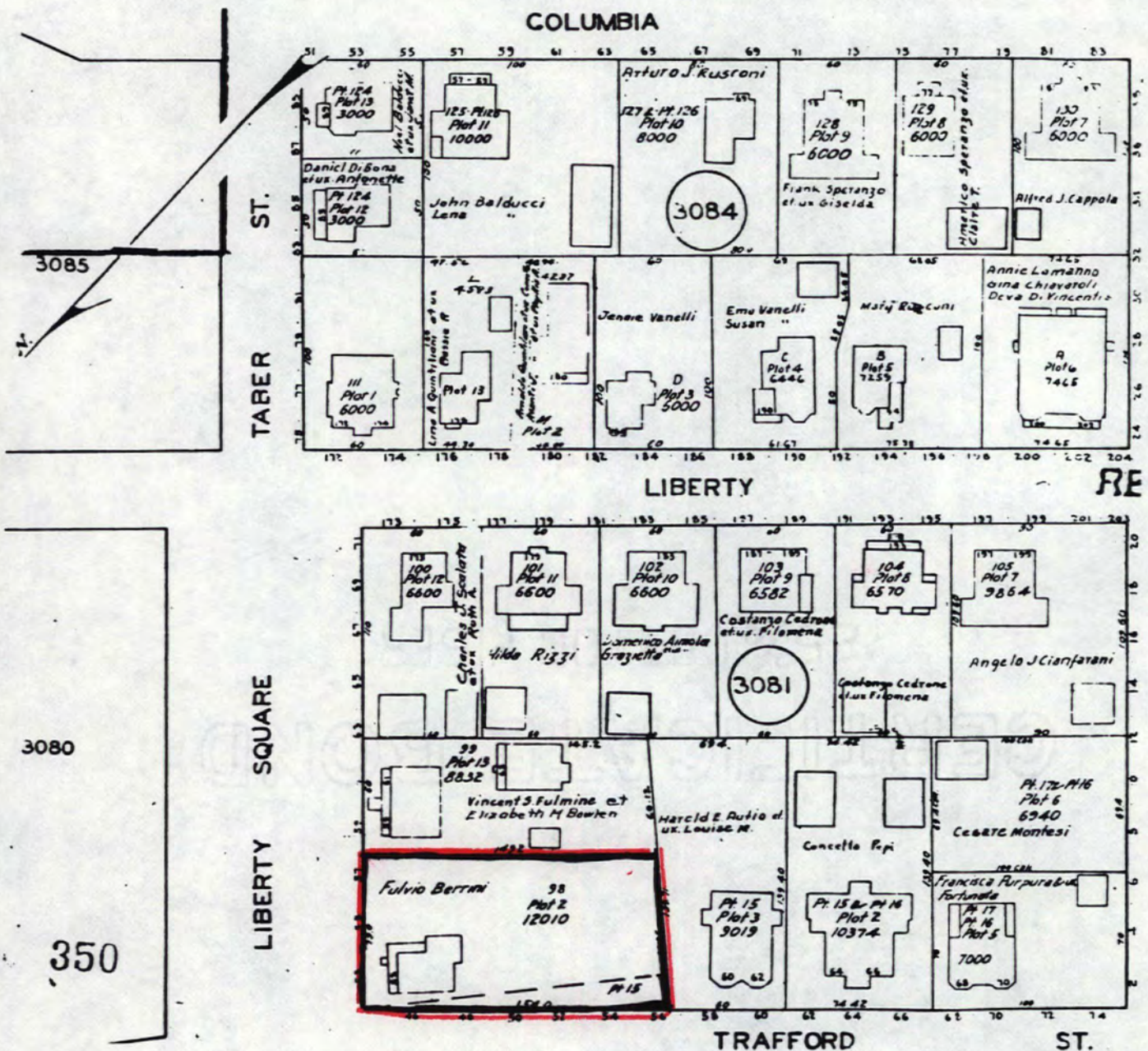
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



53 Taber Street  
Edward J. Lennon House  
by: Fannin/Lehner  
date: Spring 1986  
at: Planning Dept. - Quincy  
view: North East  
plot # 431

Quincy, <sup>MA</sup> MASS.



Address 53 Taber Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 3082-83-84

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