

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

264

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

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 47-49 Spear Street

Historic Name Seth Spear Homestead

Use: Present two-family dwelling

Original single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850

Source Quincy Historical Society Records

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboards

Outbuildings none

cst - granite posts (marking driveway)

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

rear extension (by 1876); porticos (1890s)-
see reverse

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre: 8288 sq. ft.

Setting This is one of the earliest of
several houses on Spear Street built during
the latter half of the nineteenth century.

UTM REFERENCE 19/334,900 E/4,679,450 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

Recorded by Fannin & Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July 1, 1986 / May 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well-preserved vernacular example of a Greek Revival residence, the Seth Spear Homestead is one of Quincy's few surviving nineteenth century farmhouses. The house retains integrity of design, location, materials, feeling, and association, and fulfills Criterion 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

Atlas of Norfolk County, Mass., 1876.
Robinson's Atlas of Norfolk County, 1888.
Atlases of the City of Quincy, Mass., 1897, 1907, 1923.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

QC-264

Property Name: *Seth Spear Homestead*

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 47-49 SPEAR STREET
SETH SPEAR HOMESTEAD

The house at 47-49 Spear Street is known as the Seth Spear Homestead; it was owned by Seth Spear (1801-1888) from the early 1850s until his death in 1888. The house was built around 1850, either just prior to that date by Thomas Drake, or just after that date by Seth Spear. Spear had one of the largest farms near Quincy Center. His property extended from Wibrid Street to Coddington Street including a portion of the area now occupied by Spear Street. The farm and homestead were bought from the estate in 1888 by Spear's daughter Henrietta B. Pratt. In 1917, the property was acquired by Alice G. White and later conveyed to Emily White who still lived there in 1923.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 47-49 SPEAR STREET
SETH SPEAR HOMESTEAD

One of the oldest houses on the street, 47-49 Spear Street is among Quincy's few intact 19th century farmhouses. The house is a vernacular central hall form with a minimum of architectural ornamentation. Built on a granite foundation, the house has a gable roof and twin rear wall chimneys. The fenestration is regular, consisting of six-over-six sash windows. Indications of its mid century date are the projecting gable returns, the sidelights at the entrance, and the simple corner pilasters framing the main block of the house. The two-story rear extension appears on the 1876 atlas. The pedimented porticos at the main entrance and on the west elevation were added in the 1890s. Remnants of a 19th century granite wall are found across the front edge of the property; granite posts (also probably erected in the late 1800s) mark the driveway (contributing).

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

AUG 7 1989

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 Registerfor Keeper Helene Byrum 9/20/89

Attest _____

62. Quincy Water Company Pumping Station
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Helene Byrum 9/20/89

Attest _____

63. Record, Jonathan Dexter, House
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Helene 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 Registerfor Keeper Helene 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 Determined Eligible - Beth L. Savage 9-20-89

Attest _____

68. Sidelinger, George E., House
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Helene Byrum 9/20/89

Attest _____

69. South Junior High School
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Helene Byrum 9/20/89

Attest _____

70. Spear, Seth, Homestead
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Helene Byrum 9/20/89

Attest _____

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Spear, Seth, Homestead
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: 89001375

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 _____

Date _____



47-49 Spear Street.
Seth Spear Homestead
at: Planning Dept. - Quincy
by: Fannin / Lehner
view: South
date: Spring 1986

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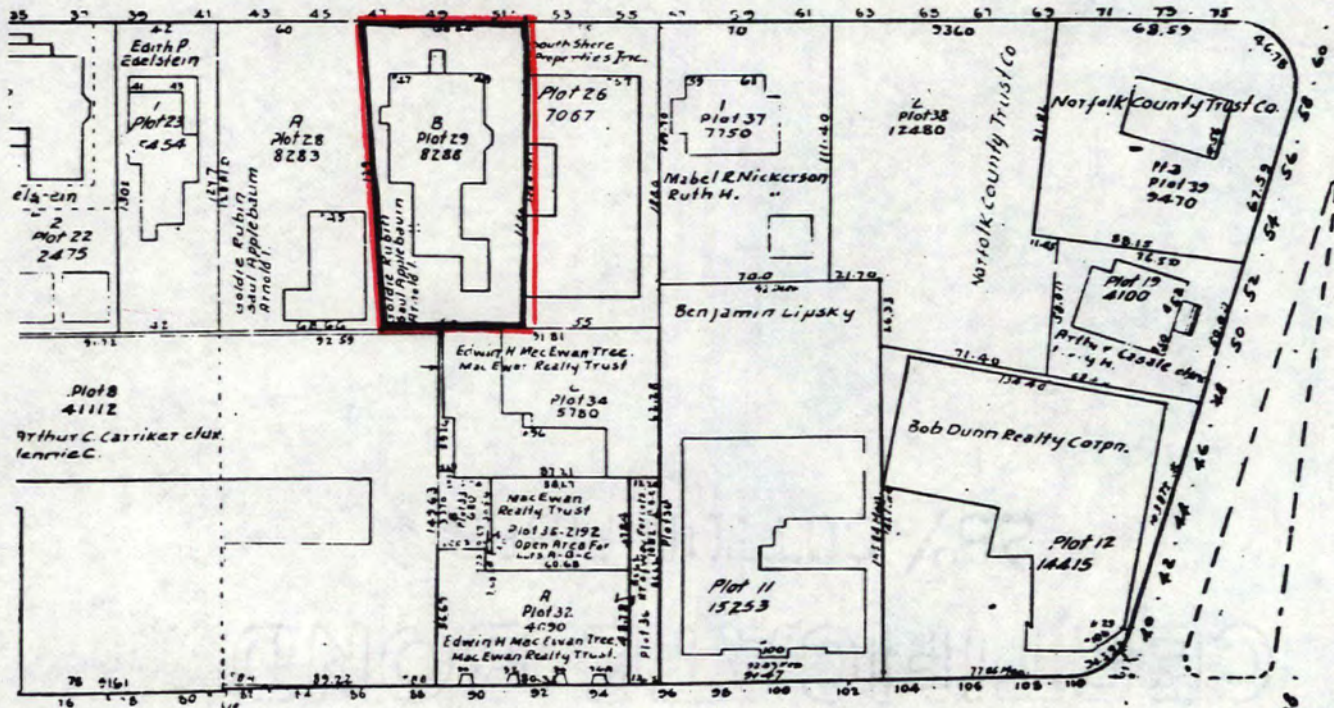
Quincy, Mass.

SEE PLAN 1131

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GRANVILLE ST.

SPEAR STREET



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RODIER ST.

SEE PLAN 1137

THOMAS J. MAYOR

Address 47-49 Spear Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 1132

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