

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA	FORM NO.
	206

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 10 Merrymount Road
Historic Name New England Telephone Building
Use: Present Offices
Original Telephone exchange

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1906
Source Map and directory research
Style Classical Revival
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric brick
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____
see attached architectural significance

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreeage less than one acre: 3,000 sq. ft.

Setting The telephone building is one of the few commercial buildings on Merrymount Road, one block from Quincy Center.

UTM REFERENCE 19/334,420E/4,679,980 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July, 1, 1986 / May 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The New England Telephone Building retains integrity of design, location, feeling, materials, and association with the development of Quincy's public utilities in the late 19th and early twentieth centuries. A well-preserved example of Classical Revival architecture adopted for a commercial structure, the building fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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, alterations.
William Churchill Edwards. Historic Quincy, Massachusetts. 1957.
Paul Robert Lyons. Quincy: A Pictorial History, 1983.
David Munro Wilson. Three Hundred Years of Quincy, 1925
Peter Stott. A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of Eastern Massachusetts. forthcoming
1987.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY, MA	Form No: 206
Property Name: New England Telephone	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 10 MERRYMOUNT ROAD
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE**

In response to rapid residential development, Quincy's first public utilities emerged in the late 19th century. The New England Telephone building on Merrymount Road, constructed about 1906, was the first building erected specifically to house the telephone exchange. Telephone service in Quincy was originally provided by the Suburban Telephone Company in the early 1880s. The city's first exchange was located in the Whicher Block (now the site of the Quincy Patriot Ledger building); by 1888 it occupied two rooms in the Durgin and Merrill Block. By the time the telephone exchange moved into the building on Merrymount Road, it was operated by New England Telephone. Service was provided to customers in Quincy, Holbrook, Randolph, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull. New England Telephone stayed in the building until 1940 when new headquarters were built at 1070 Hancock Street. In 1943, the old building was recycled into a Jewish Community Center and is now occupied by Autism Resources Incorporated.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 10 MERRYMOUNT ROAD
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE BUILDING

The New England Telephone Building (ca. 1906) is a well-preserved example of simple Classical Revival architecture adopted for a semi-public commercial building. In a community where the majority of industrial and commercial structures have undergone unsympathetic alteration, the New England Telephone building has maintained its architectural integrity despite a major addition in 1924. The 1924 alteration doubled the size of the original building but copied the circa 1906 design scheme. The five-bay section west of the entrance is the original building. The building retains its 1924 appearance. The symmetrical ten-bay facade is composed of an arched central entrance flanked by regularly spaced recessed rectangular windows ornamented with brick keystones and cast stone sills. Of particular note is the building's fine brick work. Brick pilasters on the east and west elevations separate the walls into four units; a brick string course above the second floor windows is topped by a frieze of recessed brick panels and capped with a cornice. These subtle details endow the building with architectural integrity and make it a fine example of twentieth century commercial architecture.

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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
51. Nelson, John R., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
52. New England Telephone Building Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
53. Newcomb Place Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
54. Nightengale House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
55. Nightengale, Solomon, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
56. Nowland, J. Martin, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
57. Pinkham House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
58. Pratt--Faxon House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
59. Quincy Electric Light and Power Company Station Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
60. Quincy Police Station Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage</u> 2/8/90 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY New England Telephone Building
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: 89001357

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 _____



10 Merrymont Rd.
New England Telephone Building
by: Fannin/Lehrer
at: Planning Dept. - Quincy
date: Spring 1986
view: East
Pict#: 206

JUN 1987

206 ^{MRT} Quincy, MASS.

PLAN 1154



ALLEYNE ST.

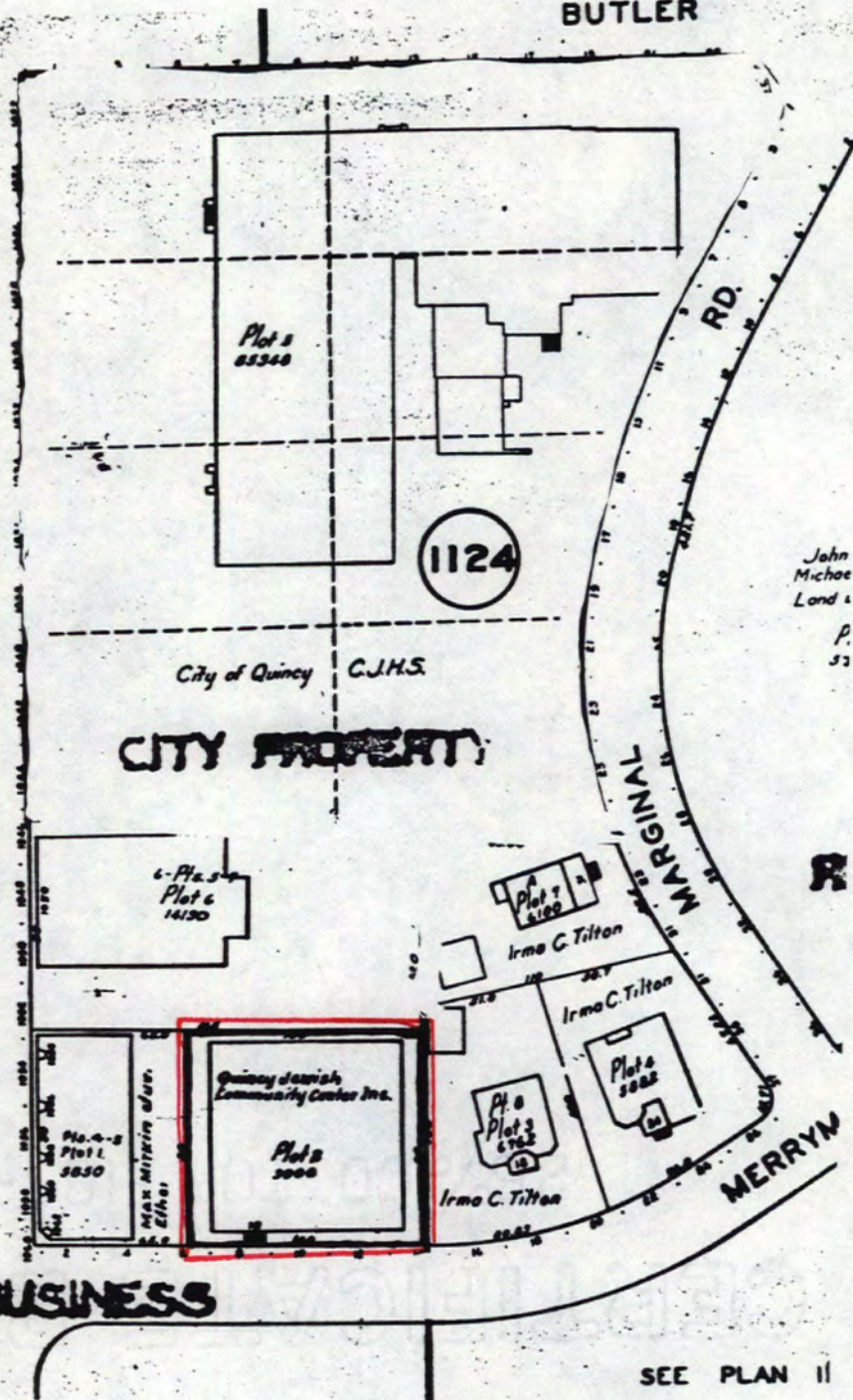
PLAN 1153

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HANCOCK

BUSINESS

BUTLER



Address 10 Merrymount Road
New England Telephone Building

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 1124

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