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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

345

Town Quincy, MA / MRAAddress 279 Franklin StreetHistoric Name Thomas Curtis HouseUse: Present single family dwellingOriginal single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1851Source Quincy Historical Society RecordsStyle Greek Revival/ Gothic RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood clapboardsOutbuildings one car garage (1930s) NC

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

one-story rear additionCondition goodMoved yes Date 1915Acreage less than one acre: 11,400 sq. Ft.

Setting The house is situated on the rise
of Penn's hill along a residential section
of Franklin Street in South Quincy.

Recorded by Fannin & Lehner/ J. JohnsonOrganization Quincy Historical Commission

Date _____

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 19/334,350 E/ 4,677,690 NUSGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MASCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Thomas Curtis House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with Quincy's nineteenth century shoe manufacturing business. Moved two blocks from its original site, the house is one of a few well-preserved examples of a modest vernacular residence that incorporates Gothic Revival and Greek Revival styles. The house fulfills Criteria A and C and meets exception B 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

Assessors Records.

H. Hobart Holly, Quincy Historical Society.

William S. Pattee. History of Old Braintree and Quincy, 1878, p.166, 602.

Quincy Patriot Ledger, January, 1937, p. F-5.

Building permits, alterations.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

345

Property Name: Thomas Curtis Hse.

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 279 FRANKLIN STREET
THOMAS CURTIS HOUSE**

The house at 279 Franklin Street has important historical associations with the development of Quincy's shoe industry. Thomas Curtis, a boot and shoe manufacturer was the builder of this house built in 1851. The house was originally located at the site of 265 Franklin Street but moved to the plot at 279 Franklin Street by Herbert Curtis in 1915. Thomas Curtis was the owner of Thomas Curtis and Company, a boot and shoe factory active in the mid-19th century. Family members in the firm included Thomas, Benjamin, Benjamin F., and Noah. The making of boots and shoes was Quincy's main industry in the 1850s. By this time shoe manufacturing had evolved from a cottage industry (begun in the late 18th century) to a centralized operation performed in one workshop. Thomas Curtis was the son of Noah Curtis, a pioneer in Quincy's boot and shoe business, whose house stands at 313 Franklin Street (ca. 1795; #345).

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 279 FRANKLIN STREET
THOMAS CURTIS HOUSE

This cottage is one of Quincy's few intact examples of a typical carpenter-built residence incorporating details from several contemporaneous 19th century styles. The basic five-bay rectangular form from the 18th century is turned with its gable end to the street; details from various styles are applied to this house. The steep pitch of the gable and the bargeboards on the eave are borrowed from the Gothic Revival mode; the arched gable window is an Italianate element. The long windows on the ground floor of the gable elevation, the corner pilasters, and the simple window enframements indicate the influence of the Greek Revival style. The one-story rear addition was added in the 1920s and is in keeping with the architectural character of the main block. A garage at the rear of the property (1930s) is noncontributing.

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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

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 21. Curtis, Noah, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 22. Curtis, Thomas, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 23. Davis, Dr. Frank, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 24. Dicey, Russell M., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 25. Dogget, Solon, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
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| 26. Dorothy Q Apartments | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 27. Elks Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 28. Faxon House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 29. First Baptist Church of Wollaston | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 30. Fore River Club House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</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: Curtis, Thomas, 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: 89001334

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

 sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

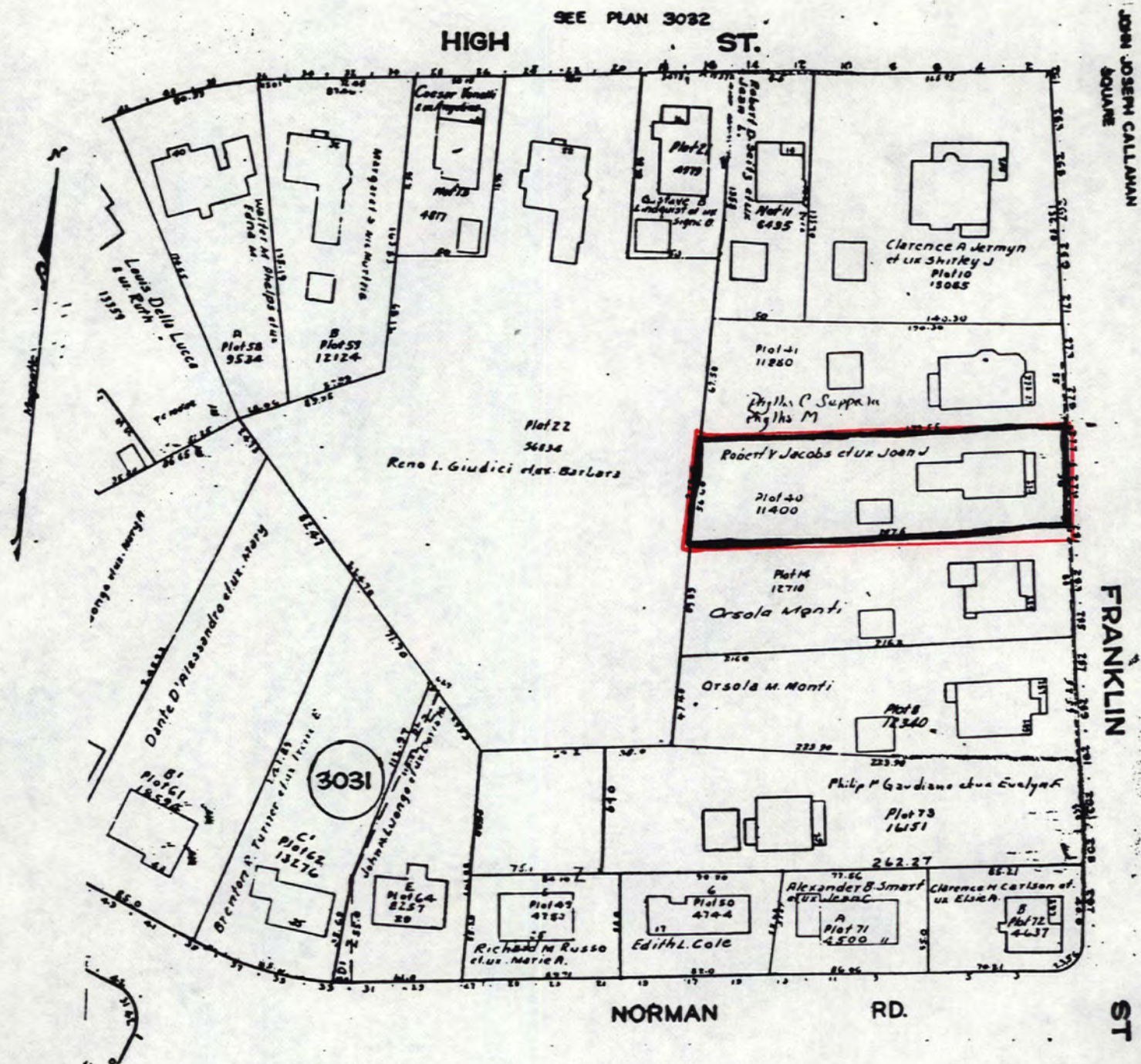
Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



279 Franklin St. ^{West}
Thomas Curtis House ^{July 87}
at: Planning Dept - Quincy
by: Julie Johnson
date: July 1987
view: West
pict #: 345

^{MLA}
Quincy, Mass.



Address 279 Franklin Street

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 3031

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