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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	QC-129

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 19/335,680E/4,679,750 N
USGS QUADRANGLE Hull, Massachusetts
SCALE 1: 25,000

Town Quincy, MA / MRA
Address 76 Field Street
Historic Name Quincy Electric Light
and Power Company Station
Use: Present power substation
Original power station

DESCRIPTION

Date 1902
Source David M. Wilson. Quincy...Merrymount
Style Colonial Revival
Architect Addition--Shephard and Stearns
Exterior Wall Fabric brick
Outbuildings none
Major Alterations (with dates) two-story
addition (1925) --see reverse
Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a
Acreage 1.6 acres
Setting Situated in a very busy commercial
area, the station commands a view of Town
River Bay.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson
Organization Quincy Historical Commission
Date July 1, 1986/ May 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Power Station retains integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and association with the development of Quincy's public utilities in the late 19th and early twentieth centuries. The building fulfills Criteria A 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, alterations.

William Churchill Edwards. Historic Quincy, Massachusetts, 1957, p. 323-4.

Paul Robert Lyons. Quincy: A Pictorial History, p. 124, 126.

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Three Hundred Years of Quincy, 1925, p. 281.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Quincy, MA	Form No: QC-12
Property Name: Quincy Electric Light Co.	

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

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE — 76 FIELD STREET
QUINCY ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER STATION**

In response to industrial expansion and rapid residential development, Quincy's first utility companies emerged in the late 19th century. The Quincy Electric Light and Power Company was established in 1888 by a group of leading Quincy citizens. Among them was Henry Munroe Faxon (1864-1949); owner of a large family real estate business, Faxon served for many years as the new company's president and general manager. In 1901, with more customers than any other of the fourteen private firms generating electric light in the County (except Brookline), the company outgrew its first plant on Quincy Avenue. The new building, erected in 1902, was built on Field Street at a convenient point on the Town River. Wharf facilities enabled the company to obtain coal easily by vessel. The Field Street plant continued to generate electric power for Quincy until November 1920. Finding it more economical to buy electricity from Boston Edison than to generate it, the company converted the plant to a substation. In 1954, the name of the company was changed to the Quincy Electric Company and in 1961 the company merged with the Massachusetts Electric Company.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 76 FIELD STREET
QUINCY ELECTRIC POWER STATION

The 1902 Quincy Electric and Power Company plant is a well-preserved municipal power facility, the oldest extant electric power station in Quincy. The large brick structure is designed in a Colonial Revival style. The walls are dominated by a series of tall arched window openings designed to let light into the open three-story work spaces within. The rectangular block has a modillioned cornice, recessed brick panels under the windows, and brick pilasters at the corners. The tall cylindrical chimney serves the station and indicates the building's function. In 1925, a rectangular structure was added to one end of the 1902 station. The two-story addition continues the modillioned cornice of the 1902 structure and is well integrated into the original design scheme. The new building was the work of Shephard and Stearns, Boston architects who also designed the South Junior High School (1927; #401) and the Munroe Building (1929; #QC-156) in Quincy.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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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>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
52. New England Telephone Building Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
53. Newcomb Place Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
54. Nightengale House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
55. Nightengale, Solomon, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
56. Nowland, J. Martin, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
57. Pinkham House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
58. Pratt--Faxon House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
59. Quincy Electric Light and Power Company Station Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melores Byer</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
60. Quincy Police Station Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage</u> 3/8/90 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Quincy Electric Light and Power Company Station
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: 89001332

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



76 Field Street
Quincy Electric Light & Power Co. Station

by: Fannin/Lehner
at: Planning Dept - Quincy
date: Spring 1986
view: North
Act#: DC-12

JUL 1987

QC-12
Quincy, Mass.
M114

RIVER



SEE PLAN 1110

Address 76 Field Street
Quincy Electric Power Station

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 1108

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