

FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Town Quincy, MA / MRAAddress 313 Franklin StreetHistoric Name Noah Curtis HouseUse: Present single family dwellingOriginal single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1795Source Quincy Historical Society recordsStyle FederalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings attached garageMajor Alterations (with dates) see attached (granite post & wall c. 19 century)Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre: 14,634 sq. Ft.

Setting This Cape sits on a large corner lot 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 CommissionDate 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 19/334,950 E/ 4,677,460 NUSGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MASCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Noah Curtis House is among the few well-preserved Federal period houses in Quincy. The house possess integrity of design, location, materials, feeling, and association with Quincy's shoe manufacturing business of the early nineteenth century. The house 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

Assessor's Records.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

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Property Name: *Noah Curtis Hse*

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 313 FRANKLIN STREET
NOAH CURTIS HOUSE

The house at 313 Franklin Street has historically important associations with the development of Quincy's shoe industry. Noah Curtis, a pioneer in the boot and shoe business in Quincy, built this house in about 1795 on part of the property owned by Theophilus Curtis in 1678. At the age of nineteen, Noah Curtis began to make shoes and in 1794 manufactured them for sale. In 1802 boots came into use and Curtis started making and selling them as well. During the first decades of the 19th century, shoemaking was conducted primarily in the home or workshop attached or adjacent to the farmhouse. Work was distributed to individuals by a central manufacturer who sold the product in cities up and down the eastern seaboard. In the 1850s, the making of boots and shoes was Quincy's principal industry; by this time more and more of the work was taking place in one centralized factory. One such factory was run by Noah Curtis' son, Thomas. Thomas ran Thomas Curtis and Company in the 1860s. His house is at 279 Franklin Street (1851; #345).

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 313 FRANKLIN STREET
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One of two Federal period capes included in this nomination (see Pratt-Faxon House, #385), the Noah Curtis House is the oldest one in Quincy to survive without severe alterations. The one-and-a-half story, gable-roofed house may have originally had a one-room plan as suggested by discernable break in the roof line next to the chimney. The house had attained its present configuration by the 1870s. The main facade is asymmetrical consisting of a central projecting gable-roofed entrance flanked by two twelve-over-twelve sash windows (not original) to the east and four to the west. Clapboard walls are adorned only with a simple cornice board. A hipped-roof, one story bay projects from the east end of the main block and a one-story gabled ell extends to the rear of the house. A granite post and wall on the Franklin Street edge of the property may date from the early 19th century (contributing).

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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> |
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| 24. Dicey, Russell M., House | Entered in the
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| 25. Dogget, Solon, House | Entered in the
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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> |
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| 27. Elks Building | Entered in the
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| 28. Faxon House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
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| 29. First Baptist Church of Wollaston | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u><i>Shelover Byrum</i></u> <u>9/20/89</u> |
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| 30. Fore River Club House | Entered in the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Curtis, Noah, 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: 89001335

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 _____

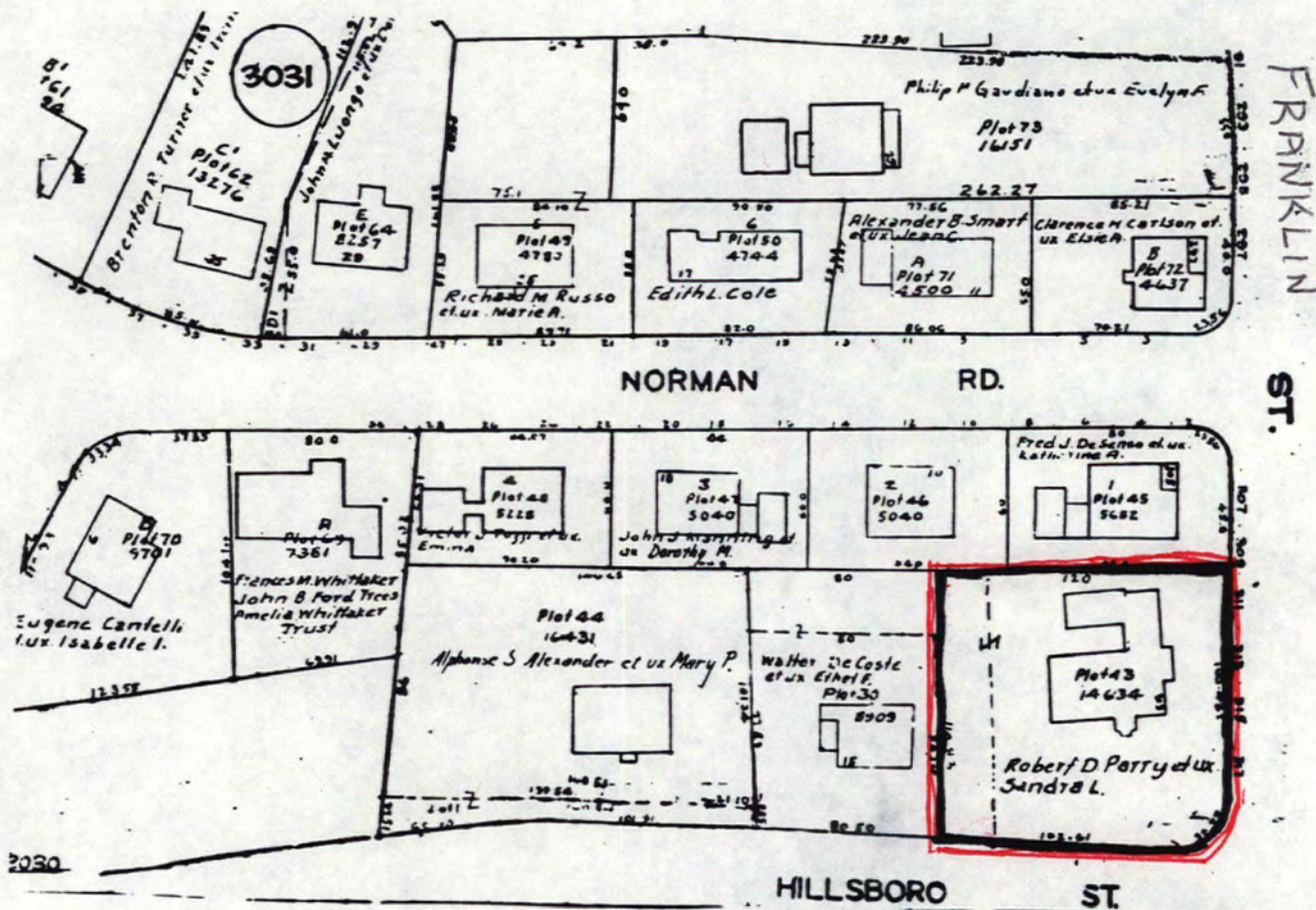
Date _____



313 Franklin St.
Noah Curtis House
by: Julie Johnson
at: Planning Dept. - Quincy
date: July 1987
view: East
Pict#: 346

#346
Quincy, Mass.

MRA



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000289