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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
100 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 155 Beale Street

Historic Name Wollaston Unitarian Church
(now St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox)

Use: Present church

Original church

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1890-91

Source Baxter. The First Fifty Years....

Style Shingle Style

Architect Edwin J. Lewis

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles, granite

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) parish

house addition (1915)--see reverse

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre: 12,168 sq.ft.

Setting The church is located at the base
of Wollaston Hill on busy Beale Street.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date 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

GRID REFERENCE 19/333,200 E/ 4,680, 860 N

GS QUADRANGLE Boston South, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As a well-preserved example of Shingle Style church architecture, the Wollaston Unitarian Church is associated with the development of the Wollaston Heights neighborhood and retains integrity of design, materials, location, workmanship, feeling and association. The church fulfills Criteria A and C and exception 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

Assessors Records.
Charles T. Baxter. The First Fifty Years of the Wollaston Unitarian Society, 1938.
Quincy Patriot Ledger, October 5, 1964, p. 6; July 3, 1965; October 29, 1975.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

589

Property Name: *Wollaston Unitarian
Church*

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 155 BEALE STREET
WOLLASTON UNITARIAN CHURCH (now St. Catherine's
Greek Orthodox Church)

In 1887, a group of Wollaston citizens not wishing to travel to the First Parish Church (1828, NR) in Quincy Square, began to convene a Unitarian congregation in Wollaston. By 1890 the group had organized legally and in 1890 a committee was hired to raise funds to build a church. Erected the same year, the church construction was part of the development of the Wollaston Heights neighborhood in the late-19th century. It was preceded by the building of two earlier neighborhood churches, the First Baptist Church of Wollaston, on Prospect Avenue (1873, # WH-543), and the Methodist Church on Beale Street (now demolished). Serving the Wollaston community for over fifty years, the Wollaston Unitarian Church merged with the United First Parish Church in Quincy Square in 1960. The Wollaston church was purchased by St. Catherine's Church of the South Shore and was dedicated as such in 1962.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: QUINCY	Form No: 589
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 155 BEALE STREET
WOLLASTON UNITARIAN CHURCH (now St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox)

Wollaston Unitarian Church is a well-preserved example of Shingle Style architecture applied to an ecclesiastical form. It is the only intact Shingle Style church in Quincy. Its style is reflected in the horizontal massing, multiple gables, irregular fenestration, and use of two walling materials, shingle on the second floor and rough granite blocks on the first level. A low sloping gabled slate roof emphasizes the horizontality of the main facade which is dominated by a short square granite tower and an arched window set within a projecting shingled gable. The section west of the main gable houses a parish house added to the church in 1915. A wrought iron fence, erected after 1938, surrounds the property (noncontributing).

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

71. White, Charles E., House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

72. Winfield House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
Attest _____

73. Wollaston Branch, Thomas Crane
Public Library
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
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74. Wollaston Fire Station
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
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75. Wollaston Theatre
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/20/89
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76. Wollaston Unitarian Church

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77. Baxter--King House

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78. Masonic Temple

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79. Pettengill, C.F., House

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80. Woodward Institute

Entered in the
National Register

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81. Smith, A.C., & Co. Gas Station
July 20, 1989
Review

2/23/89

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wollaston Unitarian Church

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: 89001318

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 _____



Wollaston Unitarian Church
155 Beale St. Quincy MA, MA

Julie Johnson July 1987

Planning Dept.

West

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Wollaston Unitarian Church

155 Beale St. Quincy ^{Ma, MA}

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North

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PLAN 5178

WINTHROP AVE

SEE PLAN 5184

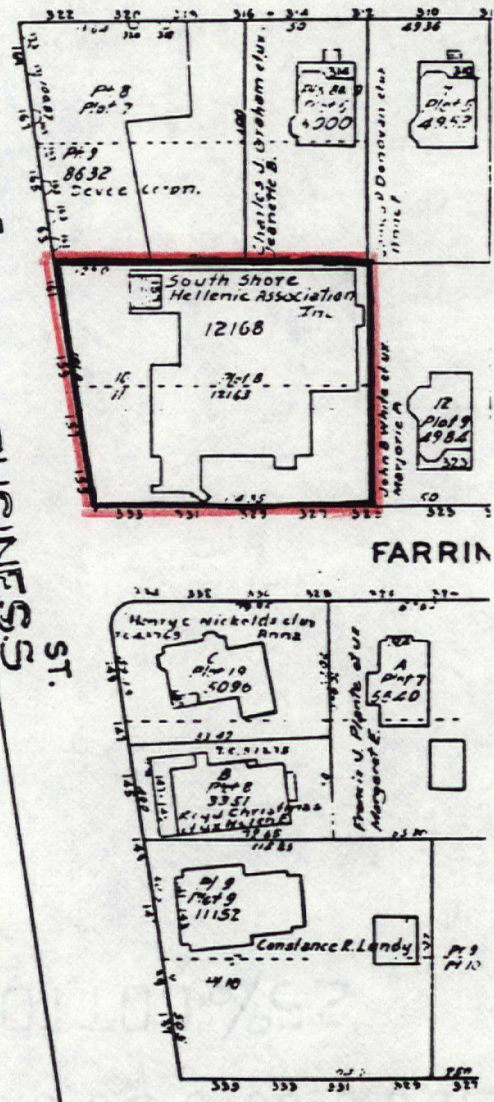
BEALE

BUSINESS ST.

SA

FARRIN

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Address 155 Beale Street
Wollaston Unitarian Church

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 5116-7

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