

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	346

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 313 Franklin Street

Historic Name Noah Curtis House

Use: Present single family dwelling

Original single family dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1795

Source Quincy Historical Society records

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

see attached (granite post & wall c. 19 century)

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 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. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July 1, 1986/ May 1987

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 19/334,950 E/ 4,677,460 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MA

SCALE 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.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's Records.

City of Quincy Atlases, 1897; 1907; 1923.

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 .

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

QUINCY, MA

Form No:

346

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
NOAH CURTIS HOUSE

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 Group

Name 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>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 22. Curtis, Thomas, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 23. Davis, Dr. Frank, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 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
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| 27. Elks Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 28. Faxon House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 29. First Baptist Church of Wollaston | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 9/20/89 | Attest _____ |
| 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
 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 _____



313 Franklin St. Street
Noah Curtis House

by: Julie Johnson

July '87

at: Planning Dept. - Quincy

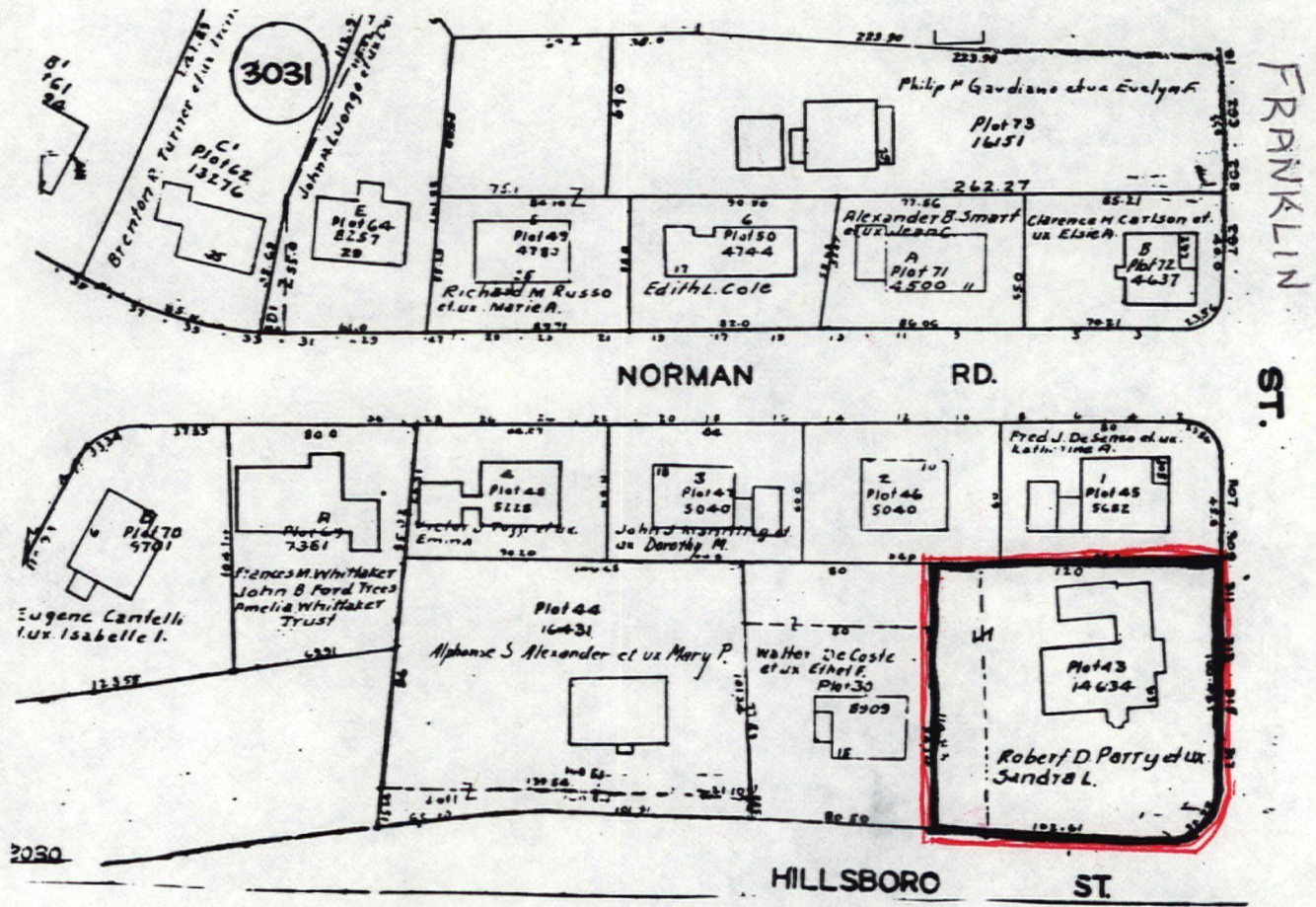
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view: East

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QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA
 Assessors Map # 3032
 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