

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Rhode Island Medical Society Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 106 Francis Street not for publication

city, town Providence N.A. vicinity of congressional district #2  
Honorable Claudine Schneider

state Rhode Island code 44 county Providence code 007

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N.A. in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: institu- tional

4. Owner of Property

name Rhode Island Medical Society

street & number 106 Francis Street

city, town Providence N.A. vicinity of state Rhode Island

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. City Hall

street & number 25 Dorrance Street

city, town Providence state Rhode Island

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Smith Hill, Providence has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date June 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission  
150 Benefit Street

city, town Providence state Rhode Island

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Facing east and overlooking the Rhode Island State House lawn, The Rhode Island Medical Society Building is a small, turn-of-the-century institutional building surrounded by larger, contemporary institutional structures. The Medical Society Headquarters is a two-story, brick-clad Federal Revival building with a five-bay facade, bowed southern end, and hip roof. The center entrance is recessed within a cast-stone porch, and a segmental-arch-pediment window surmounts the entrance. The tall, second-story windows with shallow wrought-iron balconies are set within a blind arcade. A wide modillion cornice and parapet cap the walls.

The interior is simple, with rudimentary Georgian Revival trim, befitting institutional use. Both principal floors have large rooms filling the southern, bowed half of the building: a library on the first floor and an auditorium on the second floor. The principal staircase is in a transverse hall in the northern half of the building, and several small offices and service rooms fill the remaining portion of the northern half of the building. A three-story addition at the rear of the building houses library stacks.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1911-12 **Builder/Architect** Clarke, Howe & Homer, architects

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Rhode Island Medical Society Building is a modest and typical example of the institutional use of the Georgian Revival which obtained for much of the first half of the twentieth century. Its significance to the history of architecture is as an illustration of Georgian Revival associationalism, the key factor to the longevity of this style. The Medical Society, founded in 1812, is the eighth oldest such society in this country and played an important role in medical affairs statewide. The selection of Federal Revival, here handled by one of the style's ablest local practitioners, was eminently suitable for the society's headquarters, completed upon its centennial.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

"Smith Hill, Providence," Statewide Historical Preservation Report,  
P-P-4. Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, June, 1980.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Providence

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for the Rhode Island Medical Society Building coincides with that of Providence Tax Assessor's Plat 4, Lot 192. This boundary represents the limit of land historically associated with the property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title William McKenzie Woodward, Principal Historic Preservation Planner

organization R.I. Historical Preservation Comm. date November 15, 1983

street & number Providence telephone 401-277-2678

city or town Providence state Rhode Island 02903

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Theresa C. Williamson

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/23/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



RHODE ISLAND  
MEDICAL SOCIETY

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY BUILDING

106 Francis Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: March, 1984

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical Preservation  
Commission

150 Benefit Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

View: Facade, from the east.

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Providence, Rhode Island

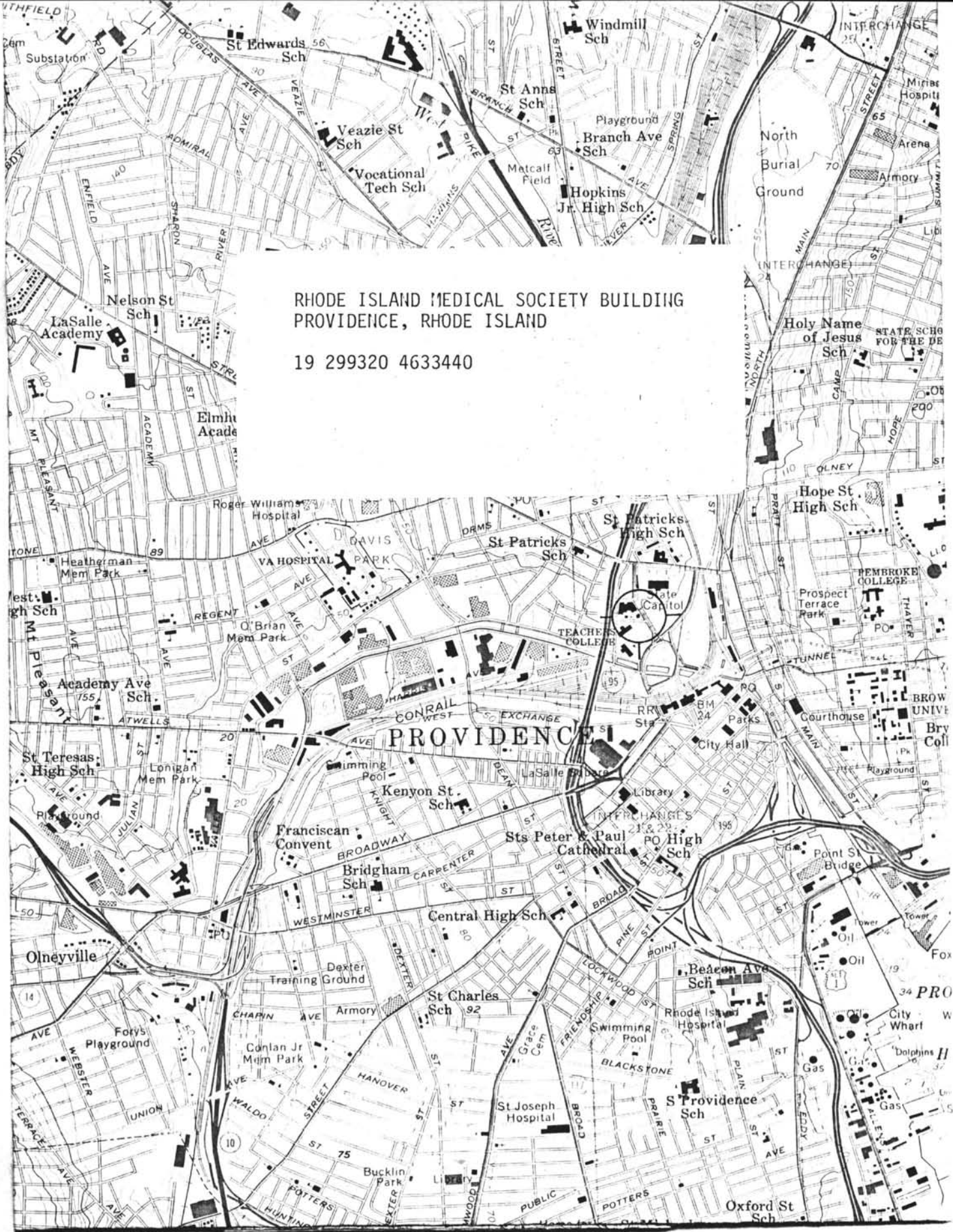
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View: Second-floor auditorium, toward the southeast.





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