

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Rhode Island	
COUNTY: Providence	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: The Joy Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Joy (Job) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
156, Scituate Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Cranston

STATE:
Rhode Island, 02910

CODE
44

COUNTY:
Providence

CODE
007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/>		No: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Cranston Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
1351, Cranston Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cranston

STATE:
Rhode Island, 02910

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44

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
869, Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Not so represented

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1764-1778

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | House-museum: <u>local social-</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>domestic culture</u> |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The importance of this house lies largely in the fact that it has been and is being painstakingly interpreted, properly, by its custodians, who have honestly and carefully restored it, treating it as one of the typical modest houses that made up the bulk of our country (and town) domestic architecture in the XVIII Century.

Since its acquisition by the Cranston Historical Society in 1959, The Joy Homestead has been constantly used and made interesting to many people (including also the young) in that city. The Historical Society has brought a variety of activities and educational programs on local life and history into the house--using it as a demonstration example. These programs have aided in the continuing work of preservation, restoration and furnishing. The house is not being kept "under glass;" it has been preserved as a little-changed survivor--of which there are not many others locally--of Cranston's importantly formative years. As such, it is illustrative of the ambience and activities of a moderately prosperous artisan and farming household, there, in the XVIII Century.

The house has also played a rôle in local history, due to its long occupancy by the Joy family and its central location in an area of Cranston developed by that family. Job Joy, the builder, was a shoe-maker (a more highly esteemed trade, by rarity of practitioners, in the XVIII Century than now); so were his two sons who inherited the property. Later members of the family dammed the river and built a mill. Rentals and income from water-rights substantially increased the value of the property, and the area eventually became important enough to be called Joytown, a small-industry section of Cranston. This area is now closely built up; but its simple, locally important and historic nucleus remains--fortunately in good hands.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brayton, Gladys W.: The Joy Homestead (Cranston, Rhode Island? n. d.),
 4 pp.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	41°	46'	57"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	71°	28'	36"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Richard B. Harrington, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

DATE: September 6, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 State House, 90, Smith Street

CITY OR TOWN: Providence

STATE: Rhode Island, 02903

CODE: 44

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Me Joy Homestead
156 Scituate Avenue
Cranston, RI

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Form 10-301
(July 1969)

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE: 1: 24,000

DATE: 1957

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Robert F. McCrystal

DATE OF PHOTO: August, 1970

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Cranston, Rhode Island, 02910

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Exterior from north-east.



CRANSTON
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

JOY HOMESTEAD

1770

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Exterior seen from entrance gate, looking south.

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Parlour, looking south-west.



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View north-east into keeping-room from ell kitchen (after removal of intervening--former outside--wall).



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Parlour, looking south-east and showing mantel.