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Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

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see attached map

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REFERENCE

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Hyannis, MA

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"	"	202 L.E.D.	Andover/Jenney Cottage CVD70	c1881	Carpenter Gothic	C
"	"	198 L.E.D.	Yale/Walker Cottage CVD69	c1886	Carpenter Gothic	C
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226/094	.5		Campgrounds Green	1872	n/a	C
226/090	.11		Park	n/a	n/a	NC
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226/093	.2	Valley Avenue	Post Office CVD43	1872	CaRPENTER Gothic	C

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Craigville Historic District (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Substantive Review

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 3-13-87

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal

NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*See general comments  
for MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 3/13/87  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below \_\_\_\_\_

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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

- summary paragraph
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- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Patrick Andrus Date 3/13/87 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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see attached map

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Contributing/Non-contributing status

Buildings: 26C 1NC  
Open Space: 1C 7NC (it should be noted  
that several of these vacant lots  
are too small to be buildable:  
two others are parks that result  
from demolition of a 19th century  
hotel. The contributing space  
is the original village green.)

UTM REFERENCE

A 19 389 100 4610 780  
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C 19 388 880 4610 580

USGS QUADRANGLE

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226/097	1.25	Lake Eliz. Drive	Craigville Inn CVD46	c1874	Queen Anne	C
"	"	222 L.E. D.	Union/Talmage Cottage CVD71	c1900	Carpenter Gothic	C
"	"	202 L.E.D.	Andover/Jenney Cottage CVD70	c1881	Carpenter Gothic	C
"	"	198 L.E.D.	Yale/Walker Cottage CVD69	c1886	Carpenter Gothic	C
"	"	194 L.E.D.	Boston/Cushing Cottage CVD68	c1888	Carpenter Gothic	C
226/094	.5		Campgrounds Green	1872	n/a	C
226/090	.11		Park	n/a	n/a	NC
226/091	.12		Park	n/a	n/a	NC
226/092	.03	35 Valley Avenue	The Store CVD42	1872	Carpenter Gothic	C
226/093	.2	Valley Avenue	Post Office CVD43	1872	CaRPENTER Gothic	C

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Barnstable MRA  
State Barnstable County, MA

~~Substantive Review~~

*Cover* Patrick Andrus 9/18/87 ~ 9/18/88  
Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Coleman, Edward Jr., House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

2. Phinney--Smith House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

3. Scudder, Josiah Jr., House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

4. Swift, E.E.C., Store

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

5. Centerville Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

6. Cotuit Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

7. Craigville Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

8. Hyannis Port Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

9. Hyannis Road Historic District

Entered in 1987  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

10. Mill Way Historic District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrus 11/10/87  
Beth L. Savage 11/10/88

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Craigville Historic District (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

**Substantive Review**

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Working No. 127/87  
 Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89  
 Date Due: 11/10/87  
 Action:  ACCEPT 11-10-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Well-preserved collection of  
 bldgs. associated w/ the 19th-  
 century Christian camp meeting  
 movement. Initial return comments*

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C  
 Reviewer Samuel  
 Discipline Architectural History  
 Date 11/10/87

see continuation sheet

*have been addressed.*

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. 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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



1924-1925

FOR SALE  
GRANVILLE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
1924-1925

Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Craigville LTD

CVD

Centerville

Alpha Cottage

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Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Craigville Hrs

CVD

Centerville

Streetcape



WEAVERVILLE INN

Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Craigville HD      CVD

Centerville

~~Alpha Cottage~~ Craigville Inn

ALG 1986



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Craigville Historic Dist. CVD  
Centerville  
Tabernacle

Barnstable, MA MRA  
Craigville Historic District  
Centerville  
Assessors' Map  
Scale: 1"=100'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271