

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 assessors' map

UTM REFERENCE 19/384680/4617730

USGS QUADRANGLE Sandwich, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Barnstable, MA MRA

AREA

FORM NO.

WBC

85

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable)

Address 325 Willow Street

Historic Name Benomi and Barnabas

Crocker House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling/farm

DESCRIPTION

Date 1790

Source style, Otis, deeds

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) expanded to full Cape, 1843

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 1.67 131/19

Setting residential

Recorded by Martin Wirtanen
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Benomi and Barnabus Crocker House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant for its long term (until 1926) associations with a well-known local family, for its associations with West Barnstable's agricultural history, and as a fine and well-preserved example of a Federal period Cape cottage. The property thus meets criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Crocker House is a fine, well preserved example of a full five bay, 1 and 1/2 story Federal period cottage. Its symmetrical facade is centered around an entry with narrow sidelights rather than the more usual transom. Windows have simple surrounds and contain 6/6 sash. The shingle clad structure sits on a low stone foundation and is enclosed by a gable roof with large central chimney. It is extended by a one story rear ell. The house originated as a three bay half Cape, with the southwest end not added until 1843. Beams and stones from a nearby and deteriorating stone fort are reported to have been used in the original construction.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Eliza Crocker was willed the property from her husband Edward Crocker when he died in 1882, adding "trusting she would do what was right and proper for the children." In 1880, Edward Crocker purchased the house from his two brothers Erwin and Stephen Crocker, II. The two brothers, Erwin and Stephen, II, inherited a Cape half-house from their father Barnabus Crocker before 1842. Erwin added to the house making it a full five bay Cape. Erwin signed the deed to sell his half "built since the decease of my father" in 1842, but Stephen, II did not sell until 1880; then both deeds were filed. In 1820, Barnabus Crocker purchased the homestead farm, with the house and outbuildings that he now lives upon from Joseph Crocker. He also bought about an acre of land bounded north-easterly by Josiah Fish's property. In 1796 Joseph Crocker purchased all property in Barnstable owned by Benomi Crocker. Joseph agreed to pay all debts and take care of Benomi and his wife Abigail during their natural lives. According to Amos Otis, this whole area was part of the Deacon Willaim Crocker grant. He was one of the original settlers and left this section bounded on the southwest by Willow Street to his son Eleazer in his will of 1692. Deacon Crocker's great grandson, Benomi Crocker, lived in the Old Stone Fort- just northwest of this house- and he built an addition for his son Barnabas. The Old Stone Fort was completely demolished in 1815.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Building at 600 Main Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

32. Building at 606 Main Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

33. Building at 614 Main Street

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National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

34. Campbell, Collen C.,
House

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35. Canary--Hartnett House

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Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

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Beth L. Savage 3/13/87

36. Chase, Lemuel B., House

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37. Codman, Col. Charles,
Estate

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Beth L. Savage 3/13/87

38. Crocker, Capt. Alexander,
House

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39. Crocker, Benomi and
Barnabas, House

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40. Crocker, Ebenezer Jr.,
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/10/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 11/10/87

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Crocker, Benomi and Barnabas, House
(Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/87
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-13-87
☐ RETURN 4/1
☐ REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

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
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



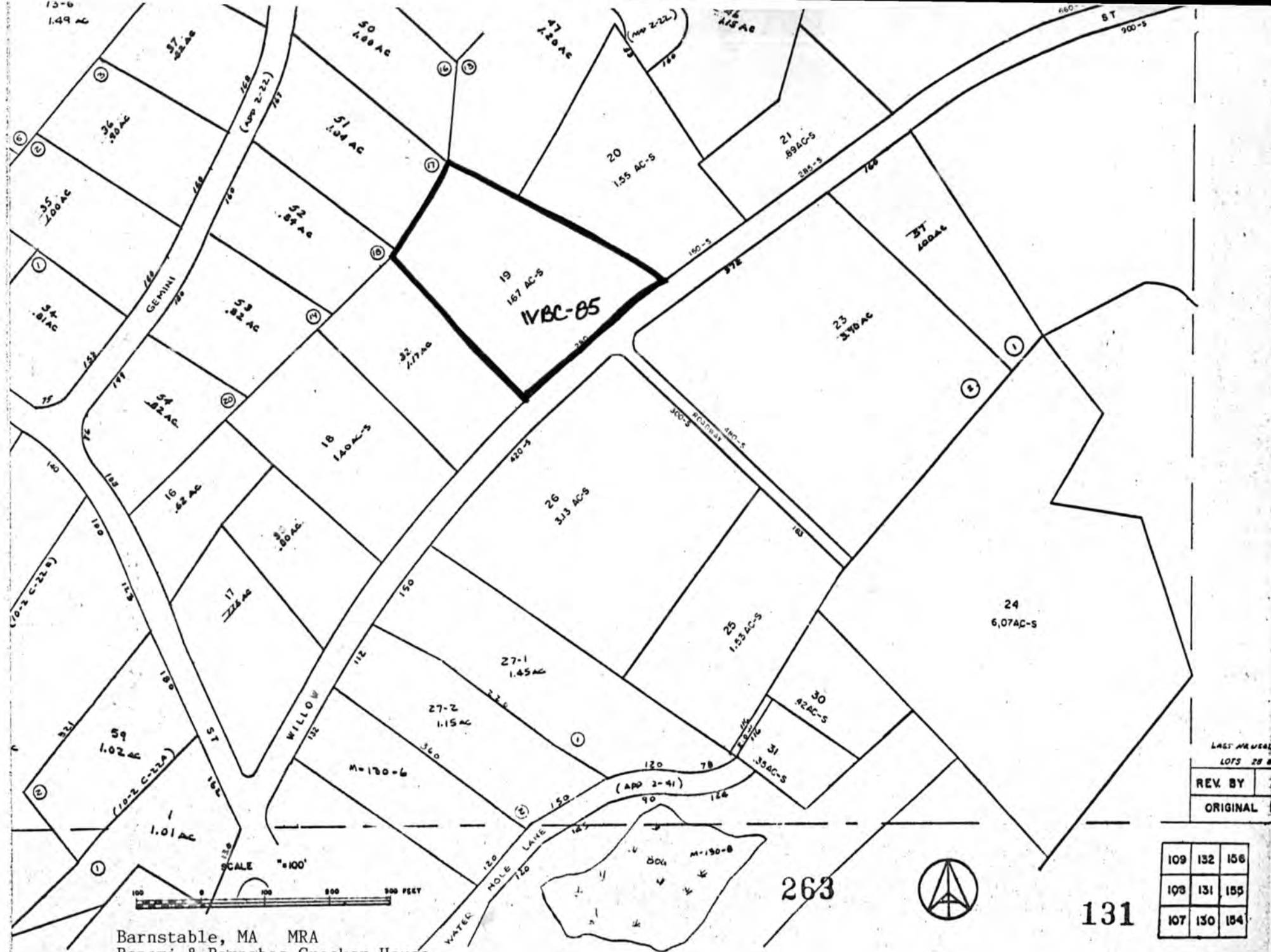
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B + B Crocher House, WBCBS
325 Willow St. (1985)
Facing SW



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

B. & B. Crocker House WBC 85
325 Willow St. (1985)
Facing N



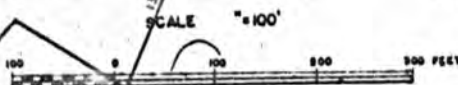
Barnstable, MA MRA
 Benomi & Barnabas Crocker House
 325 Willow Street, West Barnstable
 Assessors' Map

LAST AMENDED
 LOTS 28 &
 REV. BY
 ORIGINAL

109	132	156
108	131	155
107	130	154

131

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271