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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Tobey Homestead

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Main Street and Sandwich Road N/A not for publication

city, town Wareham N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts code 025 county Plymouth code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Tobey Health Systems, Inc.

street & number 43 High Street

city, town Wareham N/A vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

street & number Russell Street, Box 3535

city, town Plymouth state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street

city, town Boston state Massachusetts

7. Description Tobey Homestead, Wareham, Massachusetts

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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	(see text)	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Tobey Homestead, Wareham, was built ca. 1825 and remodelled ca. 1870. It sits on a low rise in the center of Wareham, a coastal town on Buzzards Bay. The property faces east overlooking the Wareham Narrows Bridge (also known as Nicholson Bridge). To the rear of the property is the Tobey Hospital complex, separated from the house by an asphalted parking area; to the south are the driveway and access space for the Tobey Hospital Emergency Room. The eastern and northern sides of the property retain a sloping lawn, clipped hedges, and a low granite retaining wall. The property's southern neighbor is the Alden Besse House. (ca. 1835) The nominated property is set back approximately 30 feet from the intersection of Main Street and the Narrows Bridge (Sandwich Road, or Route 6).

While the house is located at the front of a lot of some 30 acres, the lot includes Tobey Hospital. Only the area immediately around the house, encompassing half an acre, is included within the nomination. The hospital complex includes associated storage buildings, a small administrative building, and a trailer within the above-mentioned Emergency Room access area. The Hospital has announced plans to expand the Emergency Wing out toward the Tobey Homestead, but not within the area proposed for listing on the National Register.

A 1985 fire destroyed a number of the small outbuildings previously associated with the house, and burned part of the rear ell. The main body of the house and its back wing suffered only some minor fire and smoke damage.

In appearance, the house is generally Second Empire in style and detail, the result of a ca. 1870 remodelling of a preexisting Federal-period structure. Its plan is that of a typical rectangular Federal-period building, five bays wide and two bays deep, with two end-wall chimneys and a shallow ell at the rear that was extended during the remodelling process. A single-story sun porch, which wraps around the southern and western sides of the main structure, is also an addition of the same period.

The building's main block is three stories in height, with a full basement and cut-granite foundation. The present dormered mansard roof was added during the late 19th century alterations. The ell, likewise, received a mansard roof treatment, while the 1 1/2-story rear was capped by a mansard with gable roof. In its present configuration, the building is L-shaped in plan, with a 2 1/2-story main block with shallow rear 2 1/2-story extension, a 1 1/2-story ell behind the northern side of the main block extension, and the single-story sunporch mentioned above.

The east-facing main facade is five bays wide with a central entrance. Partial sidelights and a leaded-glass fan form the entryway surround. Six over six sash remain in the first story windows and predate the late 19th

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century remodelling; other fenestration is 1/1. Fronting the entry and extending to the edges of the flanking bays is a portico of ca. 1870 with broad overhanging cornice and widely spaced brackets; Doric columns resting on heavy pedestals support the flat roof. On the second story, a central bay with segmental-arched 2/1 sash rests on the entry portico's flat roof. A broad, lightly molded entablature and narrow corner boards define the building. Three broken-pedimented dormers with elaborated surrounds--the central one containing a pair of roundheaded windows, those flanking it with segmental arches--project from the mansard roof.

The northern elevation contains asymmetrical fenestration, the result of the 1870 alterations: three bays on the ground floor, including a shallow Italianate rectangular bay and four irregularly spaced windows on the second floor (the location of three of the windows was a configuration original to the building, while a fourth is clearly a later addition). Two dormers with broken pediments, smaller than those on the main facade, project from the roof, as does one of the building's three narrow brick chimneys (a fourth more massive chimney is located at the rear of the sunporch). The 1 1/2-story rear gable on mansard-roofed wing, two bays deep, is set flush with the main block.

On its southern side, the building is two bays deep with a six-bay, single-story enclosed sunporch ell extending along its full length. At its rear, the porch joins a large, polygonal bay with deep, bracketed flat roof and the tall brick chimney mentioned above. (The sunporch continues across the back of the building.) The main block's mansard roof again contains two broken pedimented dormers with ornamented surrounds flanking a narrow end-wall chimney.

Visible on the building's western, rear facade are the back of both the main block and ells of the building, with the mansard roof containing simple gabled dormers unadorned by any elaborated surrounds, the rear of the sunporch, and the 1 1/2-story rear ell with bracketed entry porch. A metal fire escape leads from a main block dormer to the sunporch roof; access to the ground is provided by a metal ladder affixed to the sunporch's rear wall. As a result of the 1985 fire, much of the rear ell was burned, its windows broken, and its framing and upper floor exposed to the elements. Other fenestration is 6/6.

While rooms were converted in 1940 for use as a nurses' residence (including modernized ceiling and wall surfaces, flooring, and bathrooms), a number of original details remain. These include four Federal-period mantels, Indian shutters, and a fine staircase and bannister.

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Archaeology

While no prehistoric archaeological sites are recorded on the property, there is a moderate potential for significant survivals. Located on a bluff overlooking the (tidal) narrows of the Wareham, it is likely that native people used the area intensively. Very little is currently known about Wareham's prehistory; therefore any surviving sites would be significant.

There is also a potential for historical archaeological remains. Controlled testing may help to document the date of construction as well as the configuration of outbuildings. Occupation-related features (trash pits, privies, wells) may have to document the changing social, cultural, and economic patterns that characterized the important Wareham families who lived there.

8. Significance

Tobey Homestead, Wareham, Massachusetts

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1825-1922

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tobey Homestead, Wareham, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association. Built ca. 1825 as a late-period Federal-style residence, the house was altered ca. 1870 with the application of well-executed Second Empire features. It retains its Federal-period plan and details, and thus today the building is architecturally significant as an amalgamation of these two distinct 19th century styles. It is historically significant for its associations with a locally prominent industrial family, the Tobey's, whose iron foundry and philanthropic efforts contributed greatly to Wareham's 19th century development. The Tobey Homestead thus fulfills Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

Three rivers, the Weweantic, the Wankinco, and the Agawam, flow through Wareham. The nominated property is located on a prominent location overlooking the Wareham Narrows near the mouth of the Agawam River. It was built in Wareham's center ca. 1825 by Jared Pratt, a native of nearby Middleborough, who with his brother Isaac had founded the Wareham Iron Works in 1822. Iron-related industries dominated Wareham's economic development for much of the 19th century, made possible by the town's fortuitous combination of excellent waterpower, ready access to the 18th century ironworking skills of interior Plymouth County artisans, and a rapidly developing coastal trade in iron ore and products. While the iron industry throughout the colonial period had used locally obtained bog and pond ore from interior Plymouth County, by the late 18th century rock ore from New Jersey mines became preferable. By 1804, ore was transported from Egg Harbor, N.J., to Wareham by sloop, and processed there in local blast and air furnaces. Many ironworkers who had worked inland began to move to the coast to process the imported ore and manufacture secondary products, particularly nails and hardware. These factors helped to draw ironmasters from all over the country to Wareham. Together with iron-related industries elsewhere in southeastern Massachusetts, including Bridgewater and Middleborough, Wareham manufactories supplied cities and towns throughout New England with nails and other hardware for much of the 19th century.

In 1819, the Pratt brothers arrived from Middleborough with a recently invented nail-making machine (nails had previously been made by hand) and organized I. & J. Pratt & Company (later Wareham Iron Works) on the banks of the Wankinco River. By 1822, they had built a rolling mill near the same location, where nails of various sizes could be produced in large quantities. In 1834, the Pratt companies failed and their properties were sold. The nominated property was purchased in 1837 by Joshua Briggs Tobey for \$2,750. Tobey was married to Isaac Pratt's daughter, Susanna.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .5 acre

Quadrangle name Wareham

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting						Northing									

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G

Zone			Easting						Northing									

H

Zone			Easting						Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

(See Continuation Sheet)

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner, Massachusetts Historical Commission, with Ben Dunham, Wareham Historical Society

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date March 1986

street & number 80 Boylston Street telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

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 Valerie Talmage

title Executive Director date May 2, 1986
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

J. Allouez Byers Entered in the date 6-5-86
Keeper of the National Register National Register

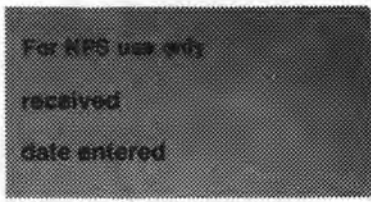
Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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The Tobey family settled on Cape Cod in the 17th century, and by the late 18th century, Curtis Tobey was a well-known and successful cotton manufacturer just across Buzzards' Bay, in Wareham. His son, Joshua Briggs Tobey (1807-1870), began his career in 1827 as agent for the Washington Iron Works on the Weweantic River, a forerunner of the Tremont Nail Company, which under the direction of the Tobey family would shortly dominate Wareham nail manufacturing for much of the 19th and 20th centuries. Joshua Tobey used his inherited fortune to buy real estate in the Wareham Narrows area and to continue his father's cotton factories and to expand his empire into the nail manufacturing business. During his long career, Tobey was president of both the Wareham National Bank (for 20 years) and the Wareham Savings Bank (for 23 years), and held directorships of the Cape Cod branch of the Old Colony Railroad, the Tremont Nail Company, and mining enterprises, cotton factories, and iron mills not just in Wareham but throughout the country.

A 19th century local historian, the Rev. Noble W. Everett, described Joshua Tobey in his 1884 history of Wareham, shortly after Tobey's death, as a man "using great ability, good judgment, keen foresight, and untiring perseverance" to rise steadily "until he ranked with the wealthiest and best businessmen of Southern Massachusetts." Joshua Tobey died in 1870; it was shortly after his death that the building was remodeled and the mansard roof added.

Tobey's sons, Gerard (1832-1911) and Horace (1838-1918), continued their father's far-reaching business interests and by the third quarter of the 19th century had managed to consolidate all of Wareham's nail manufactories into their own Tremont Nail Company. In 1884, they served the company as president and treasurer, respectively. In addition, the family had full and partial interests in the wharves that were located on the east side of Main Street, across the way from the nominated property. Neither brother married; they lived in the house with their mother, Susanna (1811-1911), after their father's death.

In 1918, after Horace Tobey's death, the house became the property of his niece, Alice Tobey Jones (d. 1922). Mrs. Jones, a wealthy and charitable woman, was a resident of New York City; she used the house primarily as a summer residence. In a trust fund set up upon her death, the Tobey Homestead was donated to the people of Wareham for use as a hospital, to be established after the death her husband (he lived until 1938). It was to be Wareham's first hospital. Mrs. Jones' bequests also funded the Wareham Free Library, established by her uncle Horace, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Bidewell Home for orphans in New York, as well as endowing religious and charitable organizations in Wareham.

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By the time Mrs. Jones' estate was settled after Mr. Jones' death, Wareham had grown too large for its potential hospital quarters in the Tobey Homestead. Instead, in 1940, a new, larger hospital building was erected on land behind the house that had been part of the Tobey estate, and the homestead was converted to a nurses' residence. It remained in use by the hospital (now Tobey Health Systems, Inc.) until 1985, when it was damaged by fire. The building is now vacant.

Architecturally, the Tobey Homestead retains integrity of design for both its Federal and Second Empire features. In plan, the house is a simple, well-proportioned five-bay, center entry building with two end chimneys, typical of the Federal style, and featuring a fine, fanlit entryway. The building's Federal-style characteristics remain clearly evident. The 1870 remodelling added the large mansard roof with symmetrical dormers and elaborate trim, bays, and entry porch. The late Federal-period interior finishes were retained. Wareham's architectural resources include two other mansard-roofed buildings (one, the former Glencove Hotel, built in the late 19th century in the resort community of Onset, and the other a single-story cottage in West Wareham); however, the Tobey Homestead in its amended form is the only Second Empire-style building in Wareham's Center and by far the grandest of the three properties. Its size and location overlooking the Wareham Narrows at the juncture of Wareham's two major roadways--Front Street (now Main Street) and the Old Sandwich Road (now Route 6)--make the building a prominent landmark at Wareham's waterfront.

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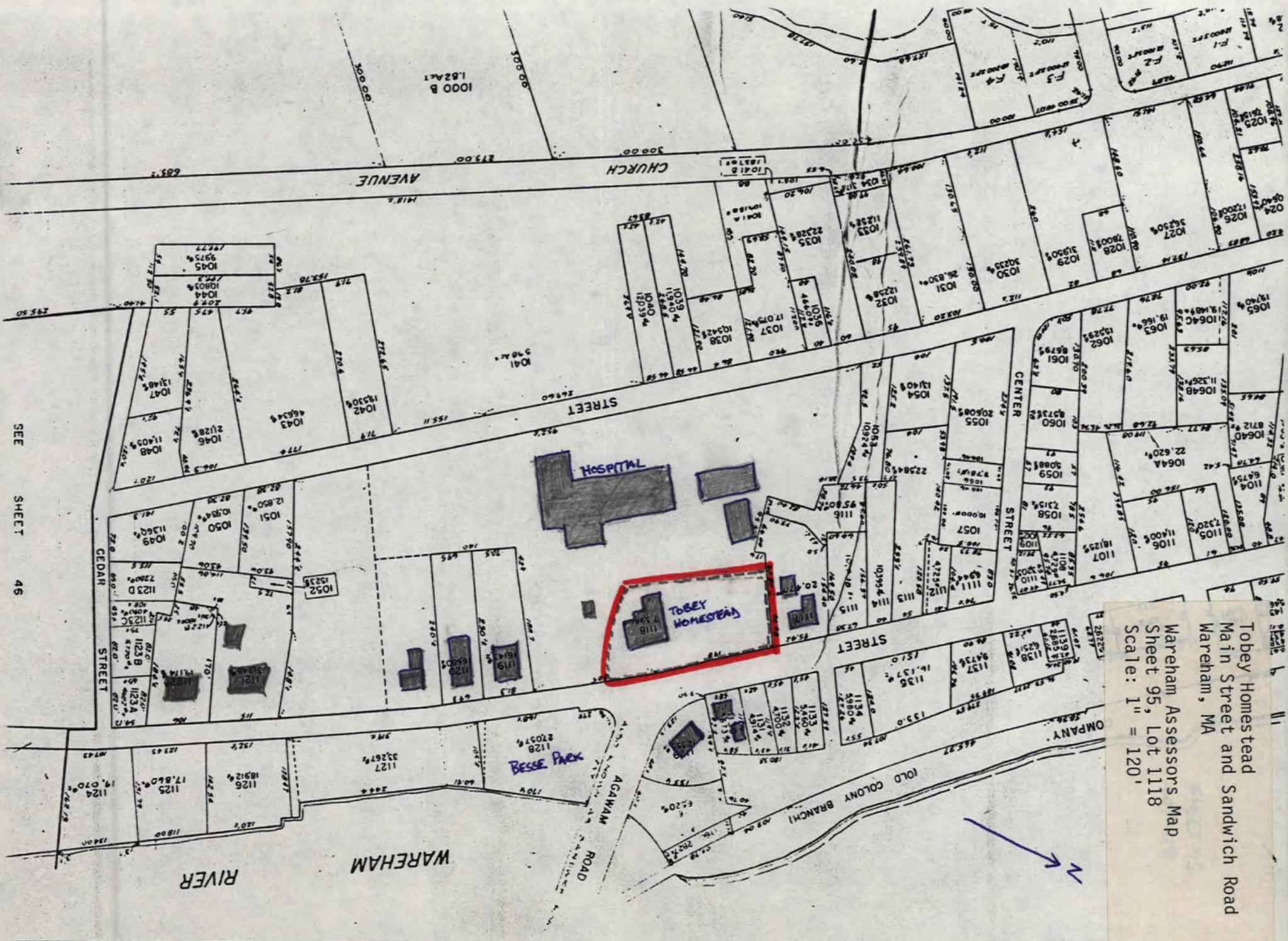
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10.. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property includes a 1/2-acre portion of the 30-acre parcel now belonging to Tobey Health Systems Inc. Specifically, the northerly corner of a parcel of land including the Tobey Homestead owned by Tobey Health Systems, Inc., and held by said Tobey Health Systems under a trust created by the will of Alice Tobey Jones, said land beginning at the Southeasterly corner of land owned by Mrs. Forlevisi and Main Street, and running Southeasterly in a line with Main Street to a stone wall bordering the Emergency Room driveway for Tobey Hospital, thence along the edge of said driveway and attached parking space to a point 20 feet to the South of the Southern corner of the Tobey Homestead, thence Northwesterly in a line parallel to Main Street to the line of said Forlevisi property, thence Northeasterly following the line of said Forlevisi property to the beginning. (See Assessor's Map).

These boundaries are established to protect the building itself and the open space to its North that connects it to the historic property on the Forlevisi property. The boundaries do not restrict the Hospital or access to its Emergency Room, nor incur upon space planned for an expanded Emergency Wing.



SEE SHEET 46

Tobey Homestead
 Main Street and Sandwich Road
 Wareham, MA
 Wareham Assessors Map
 Sheet 95, Lot 1118
 Scale: 1" = 120'

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Tobey Homestead
Plymouth County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 7 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 6/5/86 - 6/21/86
Action: ACCEPT 6-5-86
 RETURN
 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	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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- 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: _____



Tobey Homestead
Main St. & Sandwich Rd., Wareham
by B. Dunham - 1985
2586 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA
Photo 1 of 2



Tobey Homestead
Main St. & Sandwich Rd., Wareham
by B. Dunham - 1985
2586 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham, MA
Photo 2 of 2

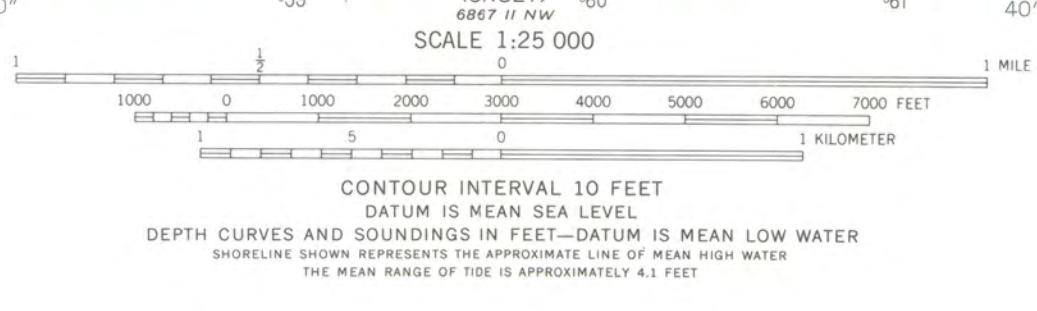


Tobey Homestead
Main Street and Sandwich Road
Wareham, MA

Wareham Quadrangle
1:25,000
UTM: 19/357500/4623960

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1934-1935. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1971. Field checked 1972
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS chart 251 (1970)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 19



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

WAREHAM, MASS.
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1972

AMS 6887 1 SW-SERIES 7814

WAREHAM QUADRANGLE
TOBEY HOMESTEAD IN
LOWER LEFT CORNER

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
1900

EDWARD M. BROWN
1850-1900



TOBEY HOSPITAL, INC.
43 HIGH STREET
TELEPHONE (617) 295-0880
WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02571

April 7, 1986

Ms. Valerie A. Talmage
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation
Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Ma. 02116

Dear Ms. Talmage:

The Board of Trustees of Tobey Hospital, Inc. endorses the prospect of including the Tobey Homestead for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We request a favorable review by the State Review Board and believe the building worthy of such a designation.

We will be happy to work with you and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Kinney
President

cc: Mr. Edwin H.B. Pratt, Jr.
Mr. Ralph Hayden

CSK:pmk



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary of State
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Valerie A. Talmage

Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

April 24, 1986

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior, National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Acushnet, LONG PLAIN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 1342 North Main Street.

Wareham, TOBEY HOMESTEAD, Main Street and Sandwich Road.

Weymouth, WASHINGTON SCHOOL, 8 School Street HPCA #
0677-85-MA-85-0690/10196 MA.

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. Comments received to date are attached to the nomination forms.

Due to a technical error, the property owner of the Washington School was notified less than 30 days prior to the State Review Board's meeting. For this reason, the owner has waived its right to the 30-day commenting letter, and fully supports the nomination. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Weymouth was notified in time, so no waiver is necessary.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zimmerman
Director, Preservation Planning
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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MAY 7 1986