

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, MA MRA

AREA

FORM NO.

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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

Town Barnstable (South St., Hyannis)

Address 31 Pearl St. Hyannis

Historic Name Captain Bearse House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1841

Source Registry of Deeds-Barn Cty.

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Interior renovations - 1979-80

Condition excellent

Moved NO Date n/a

Acreage .33 308/90

Setting residential-near Main st.

commercial area

UTM REFERENCE 19/392970/461600

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Captain Oliver Bearse House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It has had several notable occupants, but is significant primarily for the high quality of its Greek Revival style design. The property thus meets criterion 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 Bearse House is an exceptionally well detailed example of a sidehall Greek Revival house with side entry. In this case, the structure rises a full 2 1/2 stories rather than assuming the more common 1 1/2 story cottage form. The main block is detailed with paneled corner pilasters carrying an entablature that encircles the building and sets the gable off as a pediment. The entry is enframed by side lights and paneled pilasters that carry an entablature and a heavy lintel shelf. The wing contains a similarly detailed entry, lacking only the sidelights and the heaviness of the lintel shelf. Windows throughout contain 2/2 sash and are headed by wide flat lintels. The entire structure is clapboard clad, and set off from Pearl Street by a white picket fence.

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

This is one of two homes that were owned by Capt. Oliver L. Bearse. Bearse, originally from Yarmouth, was the brother of Asa Bearse, and like his brother was a deep water captain. Oliver owned and lived in the residence from 1841 until 1850, when he and his wife Sally moved into the residence on School Street. After that his mother and two sisters Mary and Abigail occupied the house. In 1898 the house was sold to the Bonds. This family was noteworthy in having started the first commercial plumbing business on Cape Cod. The Bond family kept the ownership until 1979. Today it is a guest house owned by Donald McKeag.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Baker, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

22. Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House

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Patrick Andrews 9/18/87Betty L. Savage 9/18/8723. Baxter, Charles L.,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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Delores Byrum 3/13/8724. Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,
House~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

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Delores Byrum 3/13/87

25. Baxter, Shubael, House

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Patrick Andrews 9/18/87Betty L. Savage 9/18/8726. Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,
House~~Entered in the~~
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Patrick Andrews 3/13/87Betty L. Savage 3/13/8727. Bearse, Capt., Oliver,
HouseEntered in the
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Delores Byrum 3/13/8728. Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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Delores Byrum 3/13/87

29. Blish--Garrett House

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Delores Byrum 3/13/8730. Building at 237--239 Main
StreetEntered in the
National Register

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Delores Byrum 3/13/87

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

^{Oliver}
Bearse, Capt. House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-13-87
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

RECEIVED
National Register

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
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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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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: _____

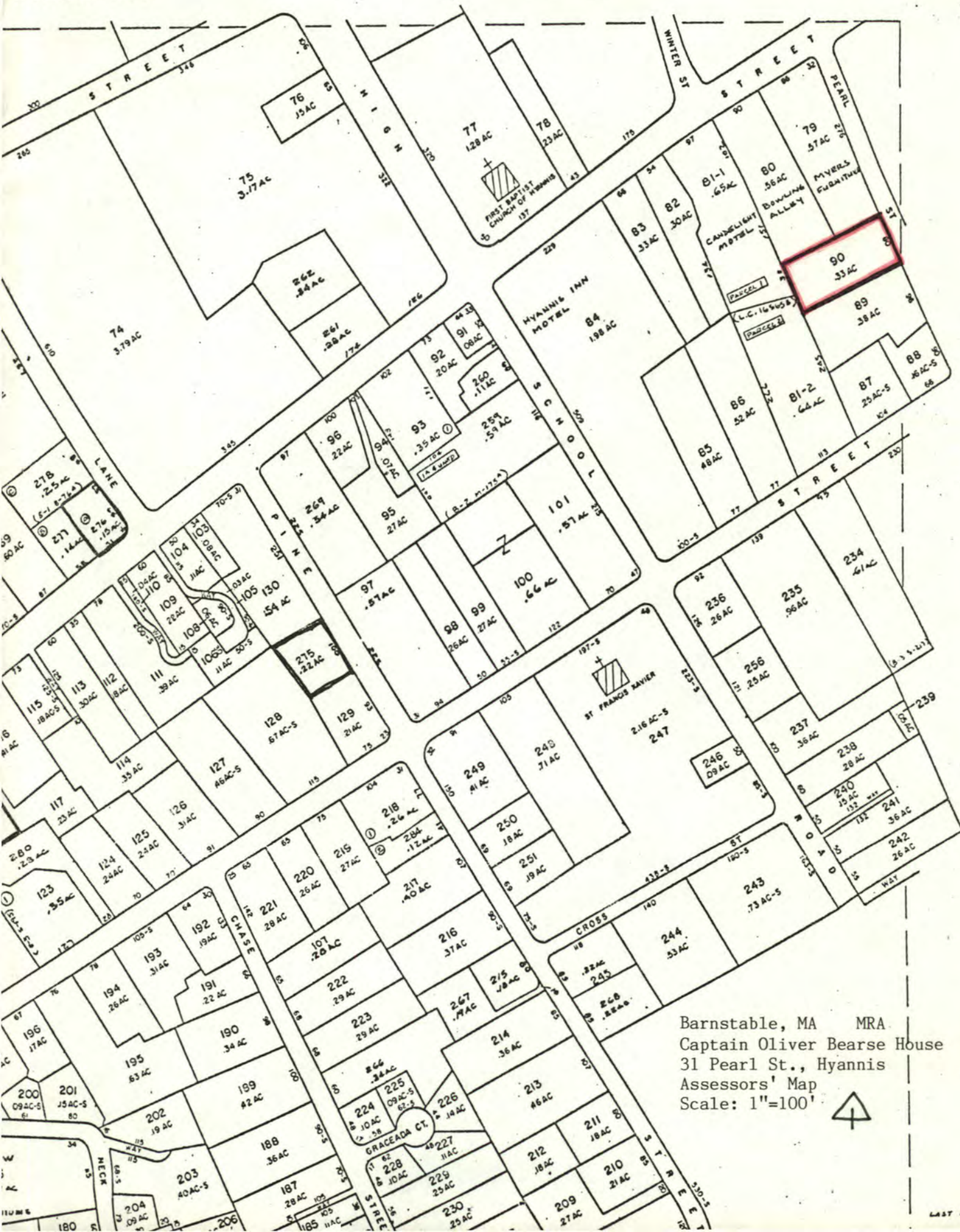


Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Capt. Oliver Bearse H&C HVC83

31 Pearl St. 1981

Facing NW



Barnstable, MA MRA
 Captain Oliver Bearse House
 31 Pearl St., Hyannis
 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