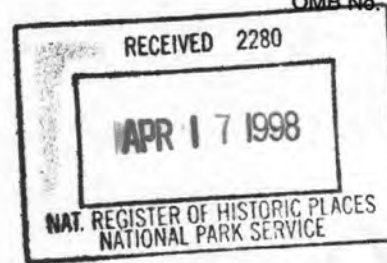


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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Townsend House

other names/site number "Bittersweet"

2. Location

street & number 290 Paine Hollow Road

n/a not for Publication

city or town Wellfleet

N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts

code MA

county Barnstable code 001

zip code 02667

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Judith B. McDonough
Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

4/10/98
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain):

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5-20-98

Townsend House

Name of Property

Barnstable, Massachusetts

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>3</u>		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling, secondary structure

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling, secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY 19th CENTURY

OTHER: Cape Cod

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls wood weatherboard

wood shingle

roof asphalt

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

(See continuation sheet)

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7. DESCRIPTION

The Townsend House is situated in the town of Wellfleet, near the northern end of Cape Cod in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and consists of a full Cape Cod dwelling with two additional outbuildings, an outhouse and a former summer kitchen/wood shed. Set back approximately forty feet from Paine Hollow Road on a tidal cove of Blackfish Creek, and nestled behind a dune for protection from wind and storm, the house is set on a low knoll above the street level and is now largely obscured by the mature trees along the road. The property retains a high level of integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association.

Of post and beam construction, the main house is a 1 1/2-story, full Cape with a five-bay facade. It is oriented with its corners corresponding to the points of the compass and its principal elevation faces the road to the southeast. Measuring 32' x 29', the building is clapboarded with the exception of the rear and southwest elevations which are sheathed in wood shingles. The clapboards decrease in width on the lower courses and extend nearly to the ground where the house rests on a brick foundation. The Townsend House is capped by a gable roof which is sheathed in asphalt shingles and punctuated by a central brick chimney. Fronted by a concrete step, the center entrance contains a wooden door with six recessed panels decorated by small cornerblocks. Four fixed transom lights cap the door, which is over-fitted with a screen door. The original latch has been replaced by a late 19th century door knob. The surround consists of simple tapered pilasters; the cornice of the frame projects slightly above the pilasters. The four facade windows all contain 2/2 windows which have 2 x 2 exterior wooden storm windows, hinged at the top. The original windows, probably 9/6 sash, were apparently removed in the late 19th or early 20th century. Architectural trim is minimal and includes plain cornerboards. The boxed cornice is located 32 inches above the tops of the windows and projects slightly. On the gable ends the eaves are nearly flush and the raking consists of two boards; the top board is beveled.

The northeast gable end is lit by six window openings consisting of two 2/2 windows on the first floor with two additional 2/2 windows centered on the second floor, flanked by two smaller 2/2 windows on the ends of the elevation. The southwest gable end is sheathed in wood shingles and fronted by a single-story, flat-roofed wing measuring 21' x 23'. Constructed in 1988 it is sheathed in clapboards and resting on a brick foundation. The portion of the main house not fronted by the wing displays two 2/2 windows on the upper level. The rear elevation of the original house is also sheathed in wood shingles with a simple wooden baseboard. There are four 2/2 windows punctuating the rear elevation. Fenestration on the 1988 wing includes

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elevated, rectangular, single pane windows and 2/2 sash with a multi-pane sliding door and projecting picture window on the southwest end. Accessing the southwest elevation of the main house, adjacent to the addition, is a wooden door with four vertical panels and a horizontal panel above.

The Townsend House is situated on a parcel of land containing 28,546 square feet and extending to the tidal flats. Nearby the landscape is heavily wooded, primarily with locust trees. Overgrown ornamental evergreen bushes are planted against the front of the house. A dirt driveway extends from the road to the north of the house. The ground in this area originally sloped down to the foundation. The present owners excavated the area to expose the brick foundation and provide an area for parking, constructing a stone retaining wall to the north. There is a garden area northwest of the house which includes asparagus and grape arbors. The property has a broad view out over Wellfleet Harbor and Cape Cod Bay. The land surrounding the property is presently residential, subdivided from the original parcel. The adjacent residence to the southwest was constructed in the late 1970s.

To the southwest of the main house is a small, non-functional, clapboarded outhouse resting on a concrete block foundation and capped by a wood-shingled, gable roof. There is a vertical board door with a cutout moon shape and a small elevated window on the gable end. Inside the outhouse includes a low seat for children. The privy was donated by the present owners to the Wellfleet Historical Society and temporarily relocated for use in an exhibit. The building was returned to the property in 1994.

To the west of the house is a two-story wooden building which formerly served as the woodshed or summer kitchen and was originally located 32' to the southwest of the house, in the approximate location of the 1988 addition. It was moved to its present location west of the house in 1980. Measuring 20' x 14', the building appears to be of considerable age and the gray cast of the clapboard sheathing suggests that it may have been partially constructed of salt vat timber. It is capped by a wood-shingled roof and has been raised above a concrete block foundation. Now oriented with its gablefront facing the street, the building is fronted by an exterior staircase and two-story deck which is supported by simple wooden posts resting on concrete supports. The sidehall entrance on the gablefront consists of a two-panel door which is flanked by a single 6/6 window. Remaining fenestration consists of a single 6/6 window lighting the rear gable and two 6/6 windows on each of the broad elevations. A second entrance, containing a four-panel door, is located on the west elevation.

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The Townsend House is notable for the retention of its original full Cape floor plan, grouped around a central fireplace/chimney block, and for its numerous original details. There are various features which appear to reflect the affluence of the house's builder, Dr. James Townsend. In addition to the fine craftsmanship of its cabinetry, the house displays generous proportions, ceiling heights of 7' 8" and a wide front stairway measuring 46", all of which are uncommon in local Cape Cod houses of this era.

Just inside the front door there is a triangular wooden rainboard which was intended to dispose of the rain which was driven in under the door during heavy storms. The water which collected in the trough was channeled to a hole through which it dripped onto the sand below the house. To either side of the small entry are two rooms, each with its own fireplace. Of note is the hand-planed woodwork and wainscoting which incorporates boards up to 21" wide. The carefully crafted woodwork includes a paned, split door cupboard for china adjacent to the fireplaces in each of the two front rooms. The two mantels in these rooms display moldings which curve slightly. Throughout the house there are two basic door types - a six-panel door with the two upper glazed panels and a five-panel door exhibiting a horizontal panel at the top with four vertical panels below. With few exceptions the doors retain their original hand-forged hardware. Wide floor boards of hemlock are found throughout the house. Gunstock posts are evident in the corners of the front rooms. The house also retains its original interior plaster incorporating clam shell and horse hair. Extending along the back of the house is the kitchen/keeping room, dominated by a larger fireplace suitable for cooking. The large brick keeping room fireplace has been bricked up although the side bee-hive oven survives in original condition and includes some original hardware. Along the rear wall there is a dry sink with wooden drains under which waste water was collected in a bucket. Blood paint still covers the simple cabinet doors below.

The room at the northern corner has a trap door leading to a food cellar, 9' 6" in diameter and built of bricks which are curved. Many of the old shelves in the former buttery were removed years ago when a large water heater was installed. The northwest chamber was converted into a bathroom c.1930. The bathroom was subsequently made smaller in 1988 in order to accommodate a hallway leading from the main house to the addition, using the existing window as a door opening.

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Steep staircases lead upstairs from both the front hall and the kitchen. The front stairway is particularly wide (46"). The treads on the back stairs are deeply worn. The upstairs fireplace mantel is quite simple in comparison to those in the first floor rooms. The ceiling in the upstairs trunk room is notable for its curved plaster barrel ceiling. A full bath has been added upstairs. In the attic area hand-hewn beams with mortise and tenon joints and wooden pegs are visible.

Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are present on the Townsend House property, a high potential exists that sites can be found. At least thirteen prehistoric sites have been recorded in the general area (within one mile) including several along the shoreline bordering Drummer Cove. The physical characteristics of the property represent locational criteria which are favorable for many types of prehistoric sites. Most of the property contains well drained level to moderately sloping land surfaces in close proximity (within 1000 feet) to a marine related ecosystems. This area includes the tidal flats of Wellfleet Harbor and Drummer Cove to the south and may include fresh water springs along the coastline. The environment surrounding the Townsend House provided a wide variety of both upland and marine related resources which would have been available to Native American inhabitants of the area. The area surrounding Wellfleet Harbor also contains one of the higher prehistoric site densities for the entire Outer Cape locale. Most prehistoric sites types are represented in this area ranging from smaller special purpose type sites, including campsites and resource extraction type sites such as shell middens, to larger multicomponent habitation type sites. Excavations on the property have revealed a 6 inch to 8 inch layer of shell, however, it has yet to be demonstrated whether the deposit is prehistoric or historic in origin. Regionally important ceremonial or funerary sites such as ossuaries are also present. Current information available for the Outer Cape locale indicates the potential for prehistoric sites in the Wellfleet area to span the Early Archaic through Contact Periods. Earlier sites may also be present. Given the above information and the size of the property (0.66 acres), a high potential exists for prehistoric sites to be found in the Townsend House area. Some impacts have occurred on the property in the area north of the house where the driveway was excavated into the natural ground surface. These excavations would have adversely effected and cultural resources in that area either prehistoric or historic.

A high potential also exists for historic archaeological resources on the property. Further documentary research combined with archaeological testing of the property can determine if additional outbuildings existed on the property possibly predating the outhouse and former

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summer kitchen/shed now present. Archaeological testing can also determine if structural remains exist at the original locations for the latter two outbuildings, both of which were removed from their original sites then replaced at a later date. The woodshed/summer kitchen was originally located 32 feet to the southwest of the house in the approximate location of the 1988 addition. It was moved to its present location west of the house in 1980. The privy, which is no longer functional, was given to the Wellfleet Historical Society then returned to the property on a concrete foundation in 1994. Additional occupational related features including trash pits, a well other privies may also be present. Archaeological testing can also determine if evidence of an early salt vat or related features survives that was located in the area northwest of the house. As indicated above, a layer of shells located on the property has yet to be associated with either a prehistoric or historic origin or function.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

C. 1804

Significant Dates

c. 1804

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government, Library, Town Hall
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

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Massachusetts**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

The Townsend House is significant locally, under National Register Criterion C, as an excellent example of the Cape Cod house form. The house is noteworthy for its high level of integrity. Minimal alterations and functional modifications to the house in no way detract from its significance. The construction of an addition to the southwest of the house has helped to minimize changes to the original structure.

Typical of the Cape Cod house form, the Townsend House is a simple 1 1/2-story building capped by a gable roof and exhibiting a five-bay facade with center entrance. As is characteristic, the house is organized around a central chimney, with a main front room on either side of the entrance hall, each heated by its own fireplace. Centered in the back of the house is the kitchen or keeping room. At both ends of the kitchen are two small rooms which originally functioned as the buttery, borning room and bedrooms. Under the north corner of the house there is a brick circular cellar for the winter storage of vegetables and summer storage of perishables. The original house is significant for its integrity, there have been no appreciable alterations to the interior other than the addition of bathrooms and kitchen appliances. Visible in the kitchen/keeping room are the original bee-hive oven and dry sink with wooden drains and hole, under which waste water was collected in a bucket. Both of the original steep stairways remain; the treads on the rear stairs are especially worn.

The full Cape Cod house of a story-and-a-half, with a gable roof, interior chimney and double-pile plan is the most common surviving house type in Wellfleet and the region. The house form was popular locally from the 18th century well into the 19th century. Of the approximate twenty similar Cape Cod houses in Wellfleet displaying a five-bay facade, the Townsend House is among the best-preserved and stands out for the quality of its interior finishes and details. Construction of the 1988 addition to the west of the main house does not compromise the architectural integrity of the original house. The Townsend House displays many features which are common to later examples of the house type including extended stud height (widening the distance between window head and cornice line), a combination of stylish facade clapboards with common shingles on the lesser elevations and an embellished door surround.

According to local historians, the first owners of this house were Dr. James Townsend, a physician, and his wife Hannah (Doane). Townsend family tradition relates that the house was built by Dr. Townsend, with his young bride, Hannah, holding a lamp for night work so that the house would be inhabitable by the winter of 1804. Dr. Townsend died in 1812 at the age of 31.

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His medical practice was taken over by Dr. William Stone, Jr., who married Dr. Townsend's widow, settled elsewhere in Wellfleet and practiced medicine in the area for thirty years. The house on Paine Hollow Road remained in the ownership of the Townsend family into the 20th century. It appears on the 1858 and 1880 maps as being owned by J. Townsend; the 1907 lists the owner as W. Townsend. According to historic maps, the Townsend family also operated a salt works on the higher land to the northeast of the house.

The house was later owned and occupied by Samuel Campbell and his wife, the former Ethel Townsend. Born in England, Campbell worked with Guglielmo Marconi at the Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph station at the South Wellfleet Back Shore. The house was later bequeathed to the Campbells' son, Walter. Originally including about seven acres, the parcel was subdivided at this time and the parcel with the house was acquired by Robert and Marion Parkinson in 1977. The Parkinsons moved the freestanding summer kitchen from the southwest of the house to the rear of the property in 1980. The side addition was constructed in 1988.

Archaeological Significance

While several prehistoric sites have been recorded in the Wellfleet area, few have been systematically studied and most are located around the harbor locale or bordering the estuarine zone indicating a reporting bias for the town as a whole. This information indicates any sites in the proposed district area could potentially be significant. Any prehistoric sites located in the district can be important by providing interpretative information beyond the level of location and culture history and contributing data on site structure and function from smaller campsites and special purpose type sites to larger multicomponent habitation sites. These sites can contribute valuable information on the range of site types and their role in changing settlement and subsistence models during the various periods of occupation for the area. Prehistoric sites in this area can examine the importance of sea level rise in this evolution and the importance of the area before and after the availability of marine related resources. Prehistoric sites in this area have the potential to answer questions relating to lithic technologies, particularly the importance of cobble tool technologies, lithic trade and biface reduction. The high concentration of shell middens in this area also indicates the potential for technological studies of more perishable objects made from bone and wood which would otherwise never survive outside the midden context. Increased preservation of floral and faunal materials can also contribute valuable information towards general subsistence and settlement studies in the district area, especially during the Woodland periods and later.

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Historic archaeological resources described above have the potential to provide detailed information on the social, cultural and economic characteristics which typified one of the earlier homesteads in Paine Hollow and one of the few which were not occupied by residents involved in maritime trades. Archaeological testing of the property can help reconstruct the locations of outbuildings which have been moved then later replaced, at times at different locations than when first constructed. Structural, feature and artifact remains may survive at the original site of the woodshed/summer kitchen reported to be in the approximate area of the 1988 house addition. A similar situation may exist for the privy removed then returned to the property in 1994. Detailed analysis of occupational related features can also contribute valuable information on the domestic lives of the inhabitants and their professions. In this instance, this type of analysis may contribute valuable information on early 19th century medical practices and the health of Outer Cape residents. Although Dr. James Townsend, who originally built the house died within a few short years of its construction, his widow remarried another physician who continued his practice. Archaeological features on the property may contain artifactual evidence from these extended medical practices which were probably scarce in the area at that time. Archaeological testing of the property may also recover technological information relating to salt production which also occurred in the general area of the house.

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Name of Property

Barnstable County, MA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 28,546 sq. ft.

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lisa Mausolf, Preservation Consultant, with Betsy Friedberg, MHC, National Register Director

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date April 1998

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Marion Parkinson

street & number 290 Paine Hollow Road telephone 508-349-9062

city or town Wellfleet state MA zip code 02667

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies Map 35, Lot 203 in the local tax assessors' records (see enclosed copies of tax maps).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property is drawn to include that acreage which survives from the original parcel and which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographer: Lisa Mausolf

Negative location: Lisa Mausolf, Reading, MA

Photos taken December 1997

1. Townsend House exterior, view facing W (8 x 10)
2. Front facade, looking NW
3. Front facade, looking NE
4. Side view, looking S
5. View looking E at N and W elevations
6. View looking NE at W end of house
7. Looking NW
8. Looking NW at shed
9. Outhouse, looking S
10. Front door detail, looking NW
11. Rainboard at front door, looking SE
12. Front stairs, looking NW
13. SE parlor, looking SW
14. Kitchen, looking SE
15. Beehive over, kitchen, looking SE
16. Drysink in kitchen, looking W

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**DISTRICT DATA SHEET
TOWNSEND HOUSE, 290 PAINE HOLLOW ROAD
WELLFLEET, MASSACHUSETTS**

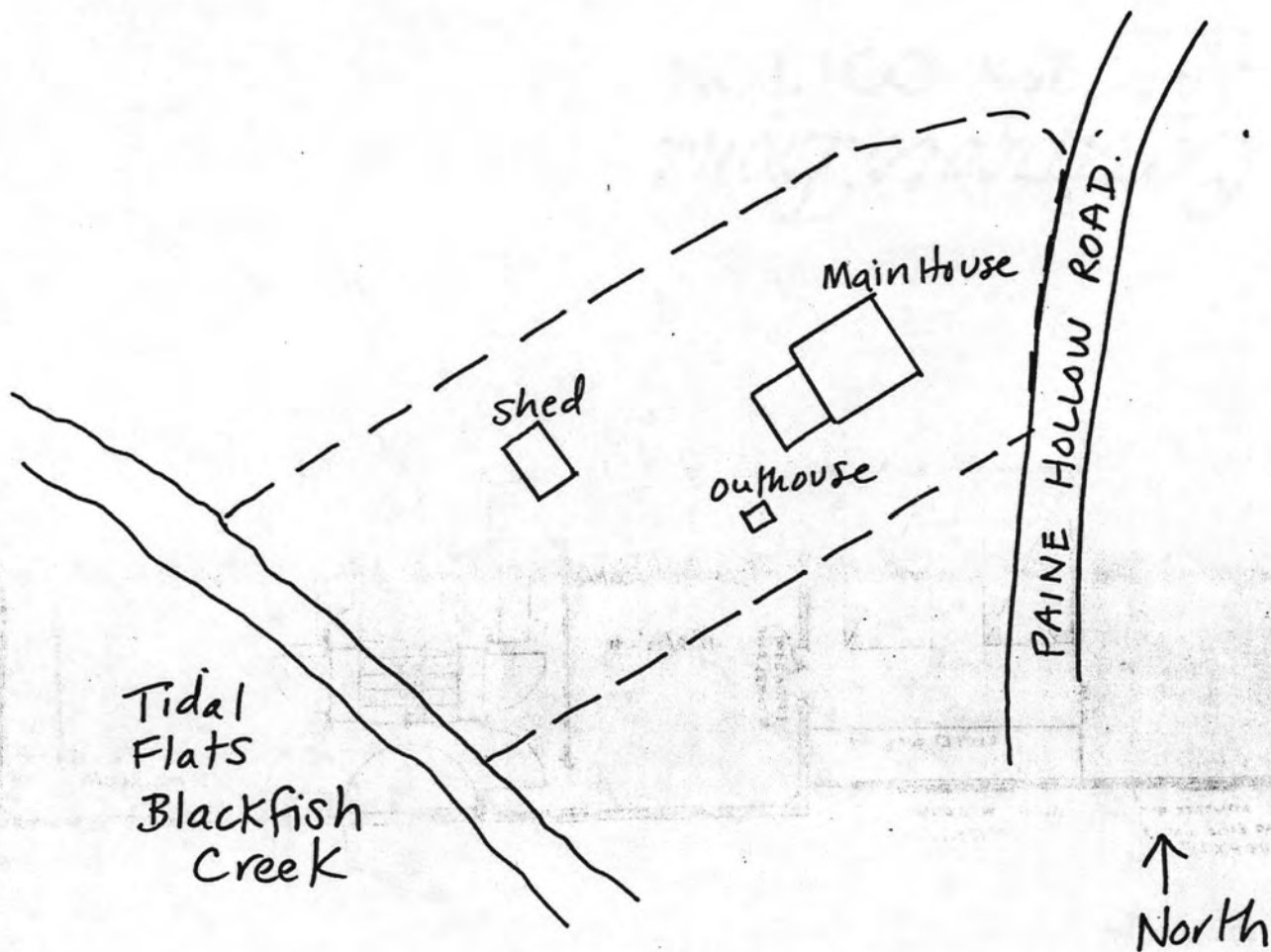
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Main House	c.1804	C
Wing	1988	NC
Wood Shed	early 19th century	C
Privy	early 19th century	C

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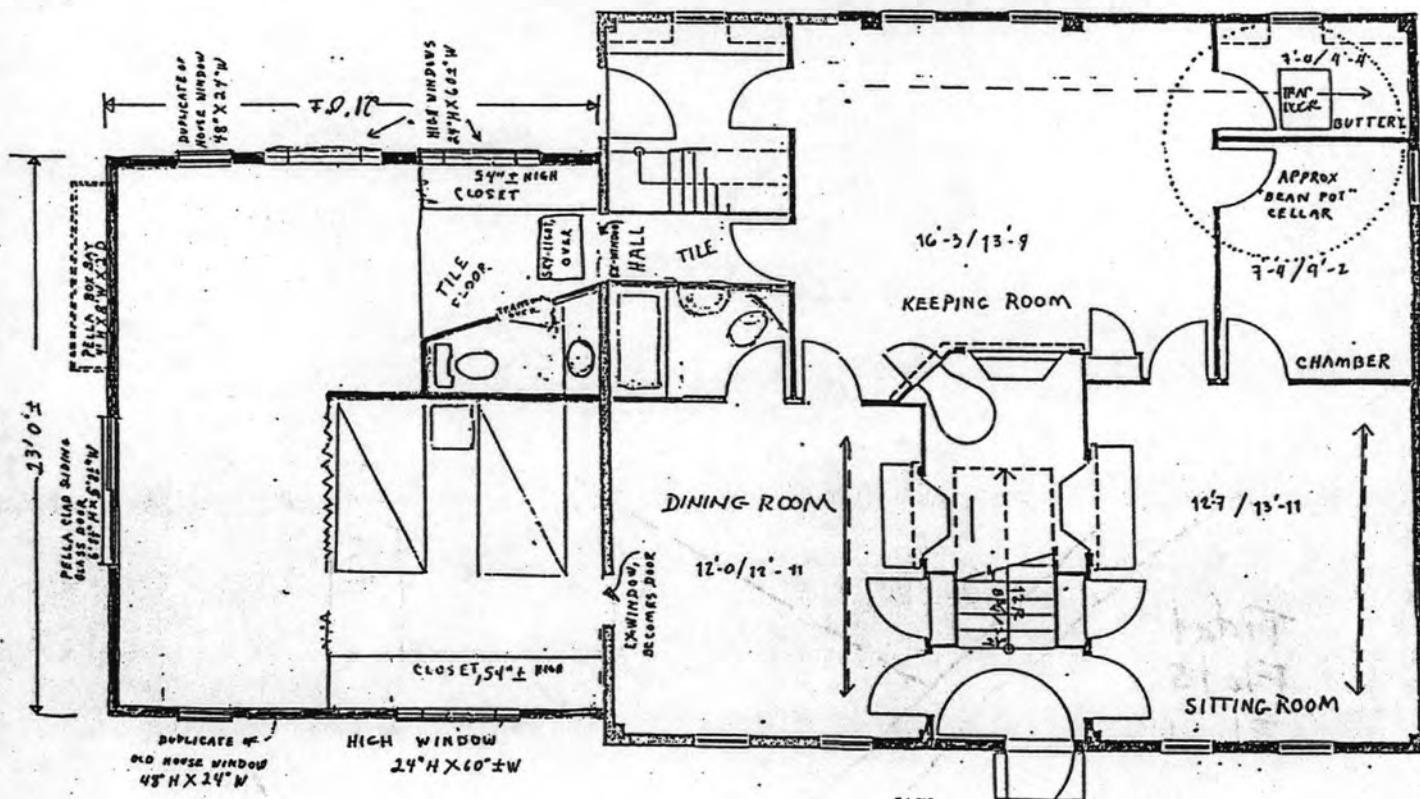
— — Boundary of
nominated property

Scale
1" = 60 feet

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Townsend House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Barnstable

DATE RECEIVED: 4/17/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/28/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/14/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/01/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000542

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5-20-98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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Townsend House

Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Credit: Lisa Mausolf

Date: December 1997

Neg. location: Lisa Mausolf, Reading, Mass.

Desc.: View looking west

Photograph #1



Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass,
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Dec. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass
Desc.: view looking northwest
Photograph # 2



Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Dec. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading,
Desc.: View looking northeast Mass
Photograph #3



Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Dec. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.
Desc.: view looking east at
north + west elevations
Photograph # 5

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Townsend House

Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.

Credit: Lisa Mausolf

Date: Dec. 1997

Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass

Desc.: View looking South

Photograph # 4

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Dec. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.
Desc.: View looking northeast at
west end of house
Photograph # 6

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Dec. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass
Desc.: View looking northwest
Photograph # 7

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.
Desc.: View of outhouse, looking South
Photograph # 9

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Townsend House

Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Credit: Lisa Mausolf

Date: Dec. 1997

Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.

Desc.: view looking northwest at shed

Photograph # 8

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable Co., Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf,
Reading, Mass.
Desc.: view of front door
looking northwest
Photograph # 10



Townsend House

Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Credit: Lisa Mausolf

Date: Aug. 1997

Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.

Desc.: View of rainboard at front
door, looking southeast

Photograph # 11

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable Co., Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf,
Reading, Mass.
Desc.: View up front
stairs from front door
looking northwest
Photograph #12



Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: August 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass.
Desc.: Southeast parlor, looking SW
Photograph # 13

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Mass.
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf, Reading, Mass
DESC.: Kitchen, looking Southeast
Photograph #14

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County,
Massachusetts
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf,
Reading, Mass.
Desc.: Beehive oven,
kitchen, looking SE
Photograph # 15

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Townsend House
Wellfleet, Barnstable County,
Massachusetts
Credit: Lisa Mausolf
Date: Aug. 1997
Neg. location: L. Mausolf,
Reading, Mass.
Desc.: Dry sink in kitchen,
looking west
Photograph #16



Feet	Meters
1	0.3048
2	0.6096
3	0.9144
4	1.2192
5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by 0.3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

Townsend House
Wellfleet
Barnstable County
Massachusetts
219 E46200 N4640260

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



SCALE 1:25 000
1 000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 KILOMETER
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 7 FEET IN ATLANTIC OCEAN
AND 10 FEET IN WELLFLEET HARBOR
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface. Light-duty road, hard or improved surface.
Secondary highway, hard surface. Unimproved road.
Interstate Route. U.S. Route. State Route.

WELLFLEET, MASS.
N4152.5—W6957.5/7.5
1972
AMS 6967 I NE—SERIES V814



FOR DETAIL OF PLEASANT
POINT SEE SHEET 35-1

FOR DETAIL OF OLD WHARF
POINT SEE SHEET 35-2

ORIGINAL DATE
OF COMPILATION:
JANUARY 1, 1993

REVISIONS		
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	7-1-93	UPDATE
2	1-1-94	"
3	7-1-95	"
4	7-1-96	"
5	4-1-97	"

TOWN OF
WELLFLEET
ASSESSORS'
ATLAS
SHEET NO.
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COMPILED AND
DRAWN BY
SLADE ASSOCIATES, INC.
REGISTERED LAND
SURVEYORS
ROUTE 6 @ PINE
POINT ROAD,
WELLFLEET, MA 02667

SCALE: 1"=200'



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

April 6, 1998

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Townsend House, 290 Paine Hollow Road, Wellfleet (Barnstable Co.), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property within the district were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Marion Parkinson, owner
Helen G. Purcell, Chair, Wellfleet Historical Commission
Carolina Kiggins, Chair, Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Lisa Mausolf, Preservation Consultant
Sarah Korjeff, Cape Cod Commission