

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, MA MRA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
WBA	31

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable)

Address Church Street, West Barnstable
John Jenkins Homestead: The Old Parsonage:
Historic Name Birthplace of Lemuel Shaw:
Elizabeth C. Jenkins House

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Use: Present Residence
Original Residence - Farm

DESCRIPTION

Date Pre 1683
Source Centuries of a Cape Cod Town, 1939.
Registry of Deeds-Barnstable County
Style Colonial (Cape three quarter house,
two and a half story, modified)
Architect _____

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

Exterior Wall Fabric Wood Shingle
Outbuildings Attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates) _____
1780, 1855, 1921, 1968

Condition excellent

see attached assessors' map

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 2.76 acres 176/9

Setting residential

UTM REFERENCE 19/386000/466580

USGS QUADRANGLE Hypniss, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Martin Wirtanen
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

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NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The John Jenkins Homestead possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with West Barnstable's historical development, and with the several illustrious persons who have resided here: John Jenkins, Oakes Shaw, Lemuel Shaw and Elizabeth Jenkins. It also has considerable importance as a 17th century dwelling, expanded and altered over time to reflect the tastes and lifestyles of its residents. The Jenkins house 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.

Although remodelling and renovations by previous owners occurred during its three hundred year history, this home has retained its charm and beauty. It contains some of the construction materials when built in the late 1600s. The date 1685 is inscribed in a fireplace brick. Its present style is late Georgian or the early Federal Period. The gable roof is shallow pitched with a large off-centered chimney through the peak in line with the off-centered front door. The front eave overhangs the facade. The house and windows have moderate width trim. The door has wide vertical trim with a plain architrave over the entrance. The window panes are moderate size 6/6 light. There is an ell with two chimneys on the south gable and featuring an attached garage and an ell on the west gable end. The north facade has an extension with a lean-to roof starting at the second story roof eave level to a one story height.

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

The families who owned the property or lived here made significant contributions to the village, town, state and beyond state bounds in settlement, agriculture, conservation, political, social and religious activities by their dedication, initiative and perseverance for the common good.

John Jenkins, who came to West Barnstable in 1652, built on the property and developed the area for farming and raising livestock. It became known as "The Old Parsonage" because of Pastor Oakes Shaw who owned the property from 1763-1807. He was a dedicated, capable and the highly esteemed pastor of the West Parish Church for 47 years from 1760-1807. It was said at his funeral that, "He preached more sermons than any minister in New England." Lemuel Shaw was the second son of Oakes Shaw and his second wife, Susanna Hayward Shaw.

Lemuel Shaw, 1781-1861 was born here and became Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts from 1830-1860, "and in that capacity achieved solid fame extending far beyond his native state." A plaque in his honor is located on the property. Shaw Lane, an ancient way, was named after the family.

Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins, 1874-1956, purchased the property when put up for auction in 1914 in a state of disrepair and accomplished the following: Moved into "The Old Parsonage" in 1921 and started the restoration work which took several years to complete: (con't)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Trayser, Donald G., Barnstable: Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town. 1939.
West Parish Church records, Pastor Oakes Shaw and Elizabeth C. Jenkins
J. Harold Williams, booklet, The Woman Who Saved a Meetinghouse, A biography of Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins of West Barnstable, Massachusetts-1874-1956.
Barnstable County Atlas 1858, 1880, 1907
Registry of Deeds-Barnstable County
Registry of Probate-Barnstable County

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable West Barnstable	Form No: WBA 31
Property Name: John Jenkins Homestead etc.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Historical Significance

Started formulating plans for the restoration of the West Parish Church which culminated in its completion and rededication in 1958: Deeded the property known as the "John Jenkins Wildlife Reservation" to the town in 1950: Willed "The Old Parsonage" to the West Parish Church. In 1971 a biography of her life and accomplishments was written by J. Harold Williams.

The home is located on the north side of Church Street which is part of the "New Road" laid out in 1793 to the West Parish Meetinghouse from the intersection of Main and Plum Streets. The road was widened in 1802.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Jenkins, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

62. Jenkins, John, Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

63. Jenkins--Whelden Farmstead

Entered in the
National Register

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64. Liberty Hall

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Attest

65. Lincoln House Club

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Attest

66. Lovell, Capt. George,
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/10/87

Attest

67. Lovell, Nehemiah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

68. Marstons Mills Hearse
House and CemeteryEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

69. Marston, William, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

70. Merrill Estate

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Jenkins, John, Homestead (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-13-87
☐ 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
☐ 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: _____



2-17-32

Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Jenkins Homestead WBA31
Church Street (1977)
Facing NW

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1977

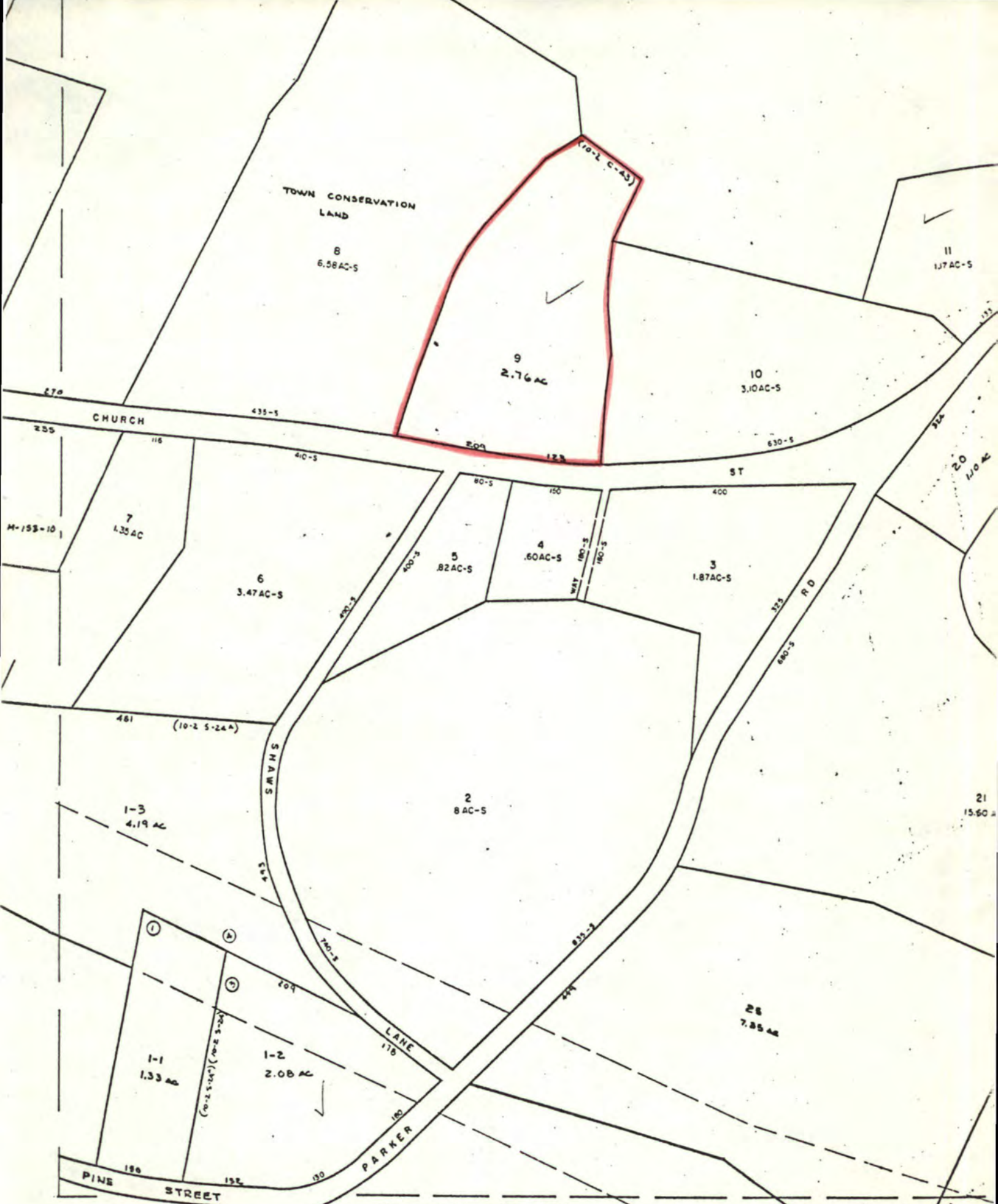
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Barnstable, MA MRA
Jenkins Homestead, Church Street, West Barnstable
Assessors' Map, Scale: 1"=100'

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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