

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

HIGGINS, JEDEDIAH HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Higgins Hollow Road (Tract 13-2602, Bldg. T-13-13) — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Truro

VICINITY OF

10

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

MA

25

Barnstable

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

North Atlantic Region - National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

15 State Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Boston

VICINITY OF

MA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Barnstable

MA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS Survey, CACO No. 13-13 (Mass. State HABS No. 748)

DATE

1962

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Washington

DC

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

The Jedediah Higgins House is a typical 19th-century, 1½ story "full Cape" house with a central chimney. The house measures 29' x 34' and faces south. The building is of post and beam construction, set on brick footings with a circular cellar. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingles, is pitched and a modern shed dormer has been added to the rear. The southern exterior wall is covered with clapboards while the other sides are covered with shingles. The facade is nearly symmetrical with a central entry flanked by four windows. Other elevations are asymmetrical. Alterations to the main house include a panelled front door (ca 1890), 2/2 and some 1/1 sash windows (early 20th century) and the roof shed dormer (ca 1950) and the reduction of the chimney in size above the roof line. At the house's northeast corner is a one-story wood framed ell addition (ca 1950) with 6/6 sash windows and a glazed and panelled door. Interior fittings of the house appear to be largely from the early 19th century, consisting of wide planked floorboards, raised panel work (west and north room) and Federal style sunken panel work (southeast room).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Jedediah Higgins House lies with it being representative of the 19th century version of a Cape Cod house architectural style which originated in basic form in the late 17th century and is still a prominent architectural style on Cape Cod today.

The primary features which make this house an important example of this architectural type are its central facade, floor plan, and interior finishes. The basically intact and unaltered central facade typifies a Cape Cod double-house with its south orientation and its symmetrical placement of two windows on either side of a central front doorway. Similarly, the floor plan with its arrangement of a central entrance flanked by two south rooms and a north room around a central chimney, and bedrooms upstairs is typical for a Cape Cod house and is basically intact. Likewise, the interior of the house with its wood paneling, wainscoting, and wide floor boards is basically unaltered from its 19th century origins and typifies the architectural style of interior finishes during that era.

The 20th century modifications to the house (ell addition and a dormer) are easily identifiable and respect the original structure. Furthermore, they are consistent with traditional evolutionary modifications to Cape Cod houses.

The purposes of Cape Cod National Seashore include the preservation of notable examples of Cape Cod style houses and the preservation of the historic scene within the seashore. A recent survey (Pfeiffer 1981) of 110 structures that the Park service owns or will acquire within the seashore area identified five 19th century Cape Cod style houses.

The Higgins House was constructed in the 19th century as a Cape Cod style double house. It is one of the least altered examples of the 19th century Cape Cod style double house among those that the Park Service owns.

The Higgins House, furthermore, is an important reminder of the human settlement and agricultural activities that once dominated the Truro countryside. Although almost all the former fields now are reforested, the remaining rural farm houses, such as the Higgins House, are crucial remnants of the 18th and 19th century historic scene of the outer Cape, telling evidence that the area is substantially a cultural landscape.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- HABS (Historical American Buildings Survey), Mass. No. 748, 1962
- Cape Cod National Seashore Master Plan, Historic Structure # 13-13, 1963
- Cape Cod National Seashore Historic Structures Report, E. P. Lohr, F.C. Pearce, 1968
- Cape Cod National Seashore Historic Structures Inventory, B. Pfeiffer, 1981

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7

UTM REFERENCES

A	19	412910	4651190	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is identified as Cape Cod National Seashore Tract 13T-2602, and was part of a 7-acre plot purchased from Miss E. D. Higgins by Cape Cod National Seashore ~~_____~~. The property is located on Higgins Hollow Road in Truro, 1/3 mile east from the intersection of Higgins Hollow Road and Longnook Road.

Boundaries are identified on attached site map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael E. Whatley, Park Historian

3/22/84

ORGANIZATION

Cape Cod National Seashore

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Marconi Area

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CITY OR TOWN

South Wellfleet

STATE

MA 02663

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Valerie A. Talmage

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

William C. B. Jones

TITLE

Chief Historian, National Park Service

DATE

Sept. 27, 1984

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Thomas H. Dwyer

DATE

11/21/84

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER