

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Barnstable, MA MRA	
AREA	FORM NO.
OVb	30

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 (Osterville)

Address 38 Bay Street

Historic Name Nymphus Hinckley House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c1780

Source Osterville Historical Society

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings 100 year old barn

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

ell added 1970

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 1.07 117/35

Setting residential street immediately

west of commercial center

UTM REFERENCE 19/384350/4609280

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Nymphus Hinckley House is significant as a well preserved example of a Federal period cottage which also retains a period barn. The evocative 19th century quality of the property is very unusual in such close proximity to Osterville center which has been intensely developed in recent years. The Hinckley House and barn thus meet 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 Nymphus Hinckley House is a traditional five bay center entry and chimney cottage, rising 1 and 1/2 stories to a gable roof. The entry is paneled and headed by a multi-pane transom in typical Federal period fashion. Windows have simple slightly projecting frames and contain 6/6 sash. Both entry and facade windows are located directly beneath the eaves. A period barn greatly enhances the significance of the property which is a rare period survivor in Osterville's intensely developed village center.

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

Nymphus Hinckley was a Revolutionary War veteran and a descendent of Governor Hinckley. Nevertheless, he was excommunicated from the Centerville Congregational Church (CVC27) in 1820 following a dispute over money and property with Isaac Hodges. When the church decided in favor of Hodges, Hinckley voluntarily withdrew from the church fellowship on April 20, 1821; he was subsequently excommunicated. In the late 19th century (c1895), Osmond F. Ames, a Civil War veteran, lived here.

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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

51. Hallett, Seth, House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

52. Hallett, Capt. William,
House~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

53. Harlow Homestead

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

54. Hawley, Gideon, House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

Beth L. Savage 3/13/87

55. Hinckley, Capt. Joseph,
House~~Entered in the~~~~National Register~~

for Keeper

Attest

Shelley Byrum 3/13/87

56. Hinckley Homestead

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

57. Hinckley, Nymphus, House

~~Entered in the~~~~National Register~~

for Keeper

Attest

Shelley Byrum 3/13/87

58. Hinckley, S. Alexander,
House~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

59. Hyannis National Guard
Return Armory Battery D of the
685th AAA Battalion~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

60. Isham, Herman, House

~~Entered in the~~~~National Register~~

for Keeper

Attest

Shelley Byrum 3/13/87

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hinckley, Nymphus, House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____ JAN 27 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Entered in the Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-13-87
National Register ☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ altered	

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

Nymphus Hinckley HSL 011330

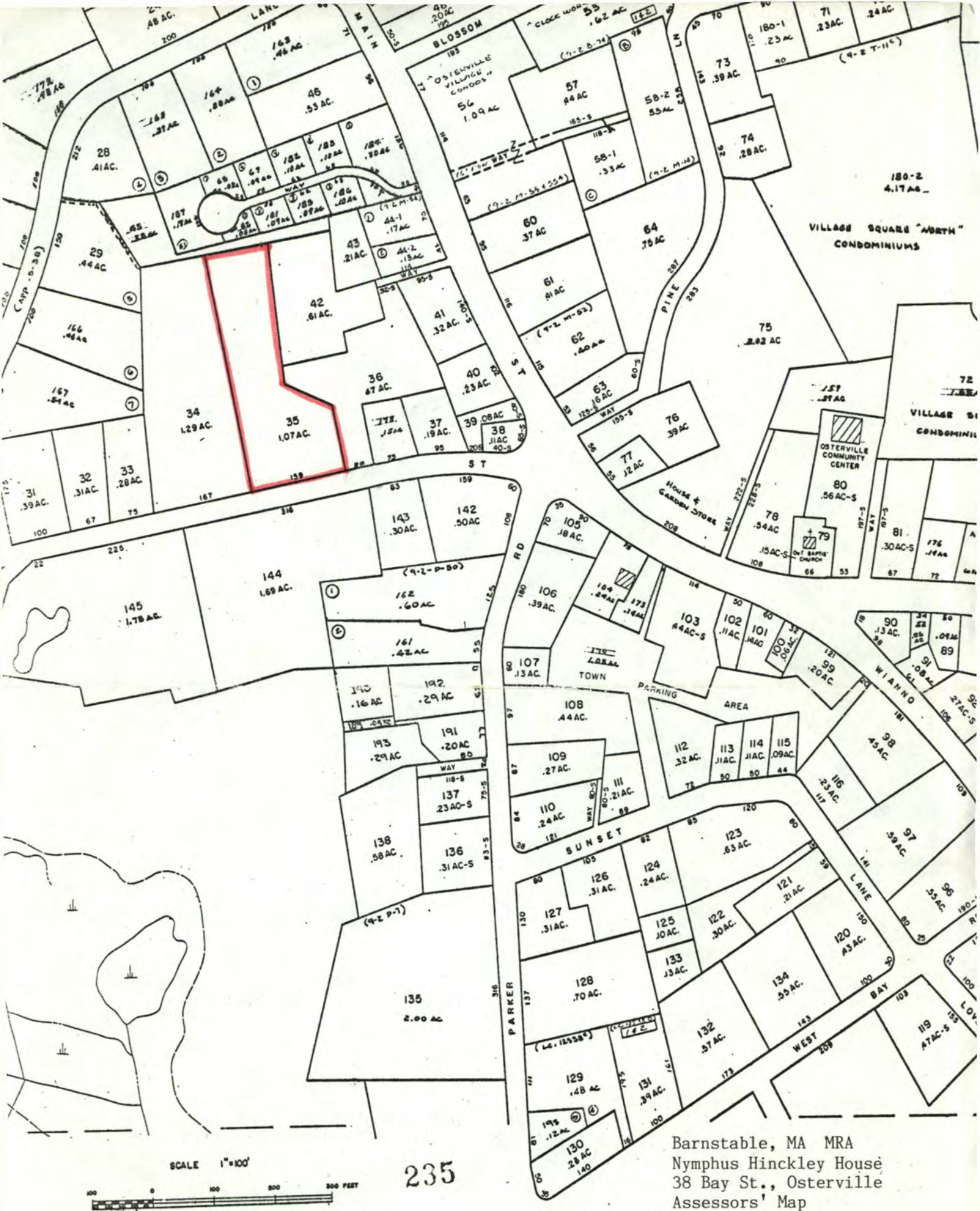
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~~Hinckley~~

Hinckley, Nymphus, HSL

Barnstable MRA, MA



Barnstable, MA MRA
Nymphus Hinckley House
38 Bay St., Osterville
Assessors' Map