

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	128

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Rehoboth
Address 60 Carpenter Street
Historic Name Christopher Carpenter House

Use: Present residence
Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1800

Source architectural detail

Style Federal

Architect possibly Thomas Carpenter III

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings see text

Major alterations (with dates) _____

see text

Moved no Date _____

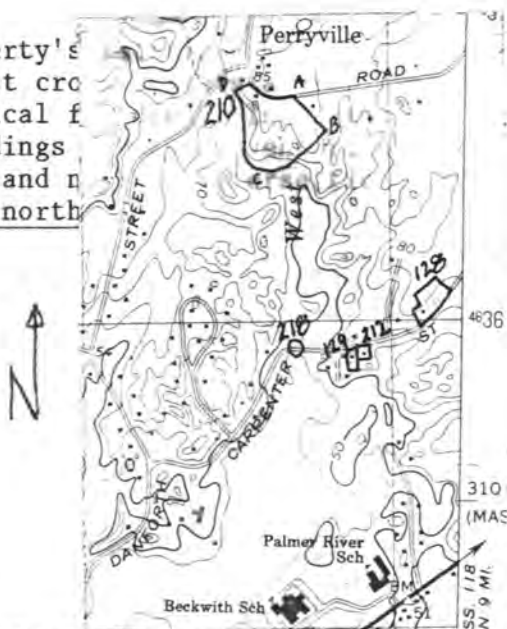
Approx. acreage 5

Setting 75 feet from road; rural

wooded context

SKETCH MAP

Show property's
to nearest cross
geographical f
all buildings
property and n
Indicate north



UTM: 19/313100/4636020

Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy, III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house is a particularly fine local example of a five-bay, center chimney and entrance design with pure Federal style details. The doorway treatment consists of flanking fluted pilasters supporting a pediment. The fanlight has unusually delicate tracery and a center "keystone" motif. Moldings in left (east) parlor are mitered frames. Dentiled cornices and other Federal motifs are found here and on the floor above. Window sashes are twelve over twelve and twelve over eight replacement copies. The central chimney stack has a bake oven on each story. A two-story kitchen ell added to the east end contains a chimney with full fireplace and bake oven. (Continued)

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 houses still standing on Carpenter Street built by members of that family ca. 1800 (see Form #129). A house possibly dating to Rehoboth's earliest settlement stood in this vicinity by 1722 when it was purchased by Joseph Barber and later deeded to Deacon Thomas Carpenter. The latter gave thirty-five acres on both sides of Carpenter Street to grandson Christopher (1762-1840), son of Peter, ca. 1800. Included was a house which was considered old, even then. Christopher may have remodelled that structure as his new home. Walling's 1850 map shows this house and one to the east belonging to a Captain Christopher Carpenter, possibly the same person, or his son. By 1871, the property belonged to Mrs. D. Read, and in 1894, ownership, including the house and seven outbuildings, was shared by Mrs. Delight and C. Reed.

One of Rehoboth's finest Federal period houses which clearly represents the distinctive characteristics of that style in a rural environment, the Christopher Carpenter House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Everts and Richards. Atlas of Bristol County, 1895, pp.35-36.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 128
Property Name: Christopher Carpenter House	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

There is some evidence to suggest this is part of an earlier house. There are a number of small 19th century and later outbuildings located on both sides of Carpenter Street associated with the house.

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

James Van Duzee 6/6/83

Attest

12. Briggs Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

13. Carpenter Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

14. Carpenter, Christopher,
House (60 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

15. Carpenter House
(89 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

16. Carpenter, Col. Thomas, III,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

17. Cushing, Caleb, Farm

Combined

Keeper

Attest

18. Cushing ^{CALEB,} House and FARMEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

19. Drown, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

20. Elm Cottage/Blanding Farm

National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Carpenter, Christopher, House (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/24/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Rehoboth

Carpenter, Christopher, House

Rehoboth N.A. Ma

Inu. 1# 66- Carpenter St.

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60 Carpenter Street
Christopher Carpenter House
(form 128) Town of Rehoboth
Property Map 1978
scale 1"=200'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292