

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

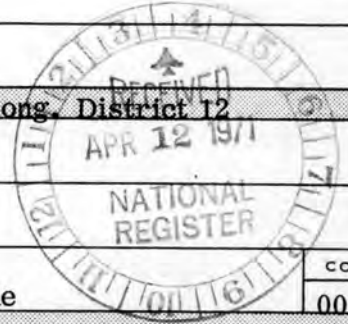
STATE: Mass.  
 COUNTY: Barnstable  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY NUMBER: 71.7.25.0004 DATE: 7/2/71

HIS NO. 1170  
PH0005827

\* see 10-30-72 letter and new maps.

**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: "Old Jail"  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Main Street and Old Jail Lane~~ (Route 6A) \* see letter  
 CITY OR TOWN: Barnstable Village, Barnstable  
 STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25 COUNTY: Barnstable CODE: 001



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied - Pending work Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - pending preservation work
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unoccupied</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 OWNER'S NAME: Town of Barnstable  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Town Hall  
 CITY OR TOWN: Hyannis STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Barnstable County Registry of Deeds  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Barnstable STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Archives Museum, State House  
 CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architectural evidence confirms the tradition associated with the Old Barnstable Jail, that a typical 17th century style building was constructed to house a jail. The addition of an 18th century, 2 story, 5 bay building created an "L" shaped structure of which the early building formed the wing. Later, the eastern 2 bays of the 18th century structure were removed, leaving the present rectangular shaped building.

The Jail is located about 120 feet south of Route 6A, about 60 feet west of Old Jail Lane. There is no reason to doubt that this is the original location.

The building is shingle covered. The 17th century structure is 2 stories high with a ridge roof. The gable ends face north and south; the gable ends of the 18th century addition face east and west. Although this section was originally 2 stories high, the second floor has been removed.

On the east facade of the early building is the main entrance. One window to the right of the door and two windows on the upper floor are apparent from the interior. The south facade contains a window in the loft which appears to have been cut at a later date and is shingled over. On the west facade there are four symmetrically placed window openings (2 on each floor). Two of these are visible from the exterior. Only the framing of the north facade remains, since the wall was removed when the later portion of the building was added. The shingles on the three exposed sides and the roof, though not original, are so old that many have rotted off.

The early section of the Jail measures roughly 16'4" by 21'5" in plan; the facades are about 15'4" high, with an additional 5'11" to the roof peak.

The construction of the Old Jail is typical of the seventeenth century. A continuous base sill rests on a stone foundation and, from the sill, gunstock posts rise the height of the facade. The primary sheathing is 4" vertical planking, each plank running the height of the building. Outside this is a 1" layer of horizontal sheathing. In addition, the inside surface of the first floor has 2" thick horizontal sheathing.

The structural condition of the building is generally fair, although some portions either have deteriorated or have completely rotted away.

At present the Jail has three rooms on each floor. The two largest, one above the other, form the northern half of the building. The other two rooms on each floor form the southern part of the building. They are approximately equal in size and have doors opening into the large room. There is evidence that the southwest room on the first floor was once two rooms.

In the interior a great deal of the original material remains. The south, east, and west walls on both floors are, for the most part, original. The materials used to make the partitions which create the rooms have been reused as the partitioning was rearranged.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |  |                                       |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) between 1690 and 1700

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>government</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Jail in Barnstable is the earliest known jail of Plymouth Colony and one of the oldest wooden structures of its kind extant in New England. Though no exact date can be given, it is believed that the Jail was constructed between 1690 and 1700. In 1686, the building of a jail for the newly formed Barnstable County was ordered. By 1702 prisoners were being held in the Jail while awaiting trial at the Court Sessions held in Barnstable, the shire town of the Plymouth Colony.

Construction methods also date the Old Jail to the late seventeenth century. The heavy oak post and plank construction of the building is typical of seventeenth century colonial architecture. Interior walls bear the designs of ships and schooners and broad arrow markings scratched there by prisoners.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ballou, James, Adams, Frank C., McQueen, William L. The Old Jail: An Architectural Analysis. 1970.

Dayo, Simeon L. History of Barnstable County. 1890

Kittredge, Henry F. History of Cape Cod. 1925

Trayser, D. G. Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town. 1933

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Richard W. Hale, Jr. Acting Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: April 6, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Archives Museum, State House

CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name John F. Dawson  
Title Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
Chairman, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission

Date April 6, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 2 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William Muntz  
Keeper of The National Register

Date MAY 12 1971

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Barnstable

"Old Jail"

MASS.

7/27/71

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LIBRARY

NO

NUMBER

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REGISTER NUMBER

71.7.25.0004 7/2/71

4/13/71

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Herrich  
4/26/71

ok  
Lery  
5/4/71

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4/25/71

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Chambes  
5-4-71

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Wynn  
5/12/71

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CD 5/5/71

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Date



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NPS Number 71-7-25-0004

Title: Old Jail

Loc. Barnstable Co., Mass ①

East facade

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

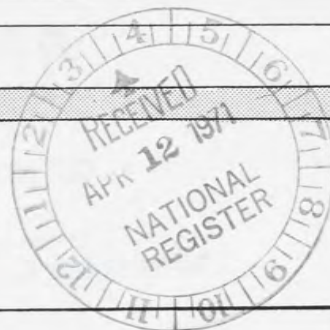
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Mass.	
COUNTY Barnstable	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71-7-25-6004	DATE

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<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Old Jail (Barnstable)			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street (Route 6A) and Old Jail Lane			
CITY OR TOWN: Barnstable			
STATE: Mass	CODE 25	COUNTY: Barnstable	CODE 001
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Barnstable County Sherriff's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation			
DATE OF PHOTO: June 9, 1964			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: same as above			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. East Facade			



Old Jail Barnstable Mass

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
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COUNTY	
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Main Street and Old Jail Lane (Route 6A)  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Barnstable  
STATE: Mass CODE 25 COUNTY: Barnstable CODE 001

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
U.S.G.S. Hyannie, Mass.  
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DATE: 1961

4. REQUIREMENTS

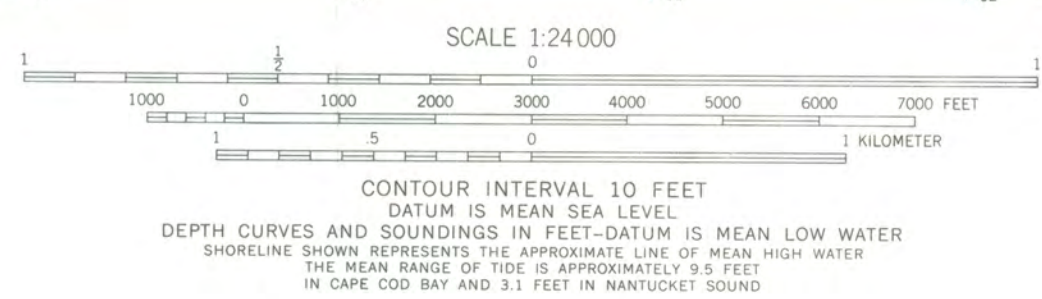
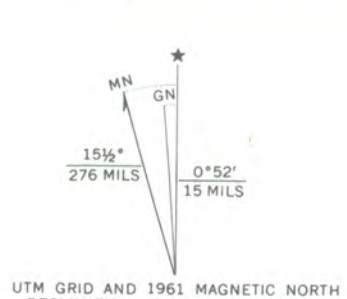
- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetabes surveys 1939. Revised 1961  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 258  
and 339 (1960). This information is not intended  
for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection: 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information furnished  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

HYANNIS, MASS.  
N4136.5—W7015/8 X 7.5

1961  
AMS 6967 III NE—SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of the Secretary  
State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

April 8, 1971

The Office of Archeology and Historic  
Preservation  
National Park Service  
801 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Attention: Mrs. Sally Marusin

REGISTERED MAIL

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed are National Register submissions for:

Dighton Rock

Old Barnstable Jail

Quincy Homestead

Margaret Fuller House

Cambridge Neighborhood House



These have been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and have been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth, John F. X. Davoren, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard W. Hale Jr*

Richard W. Hale, Jr.  
Acting Chairman  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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H30-HR

JUL 7 1971

Hon. John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Davoren:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

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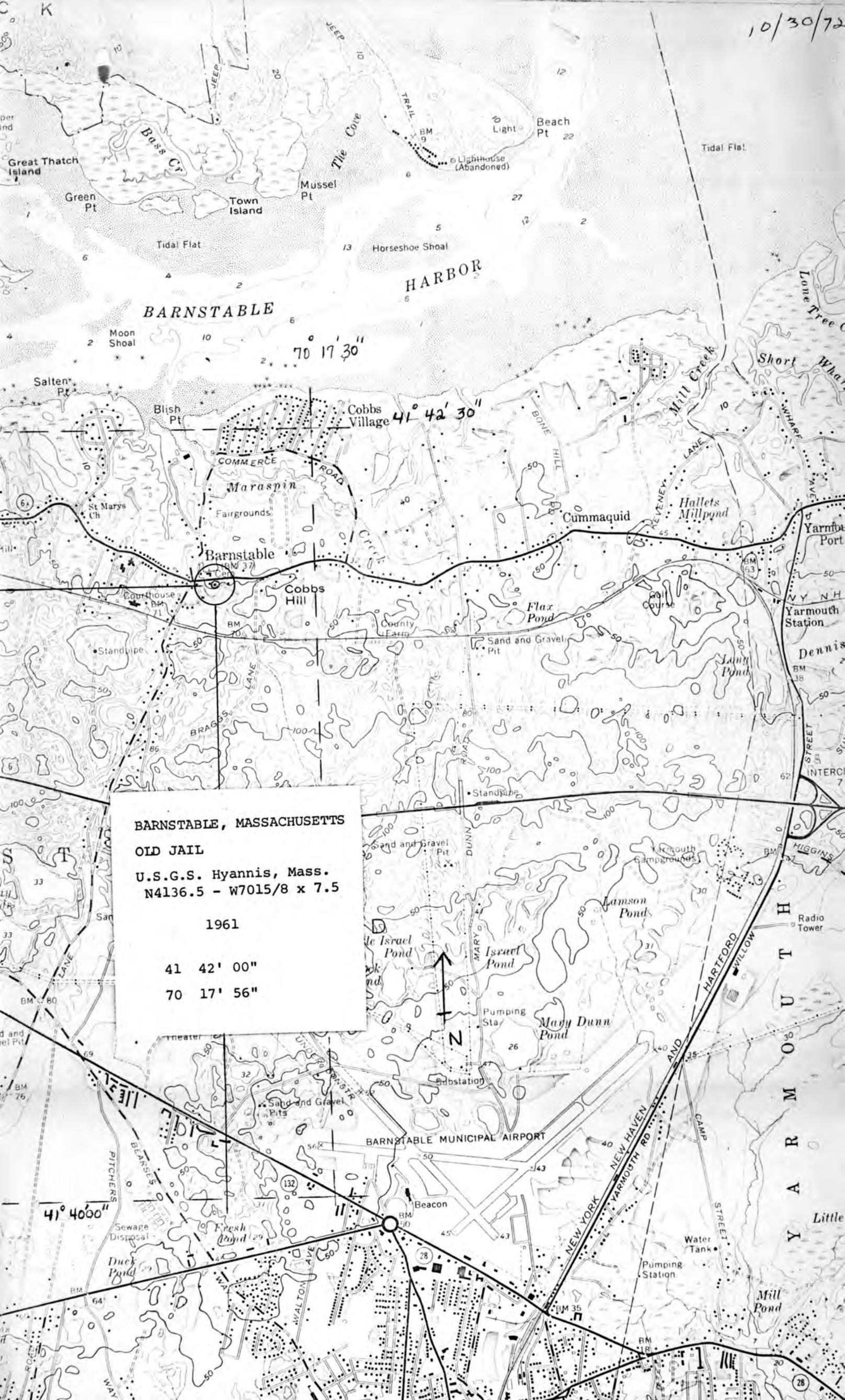
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6/28/71

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

10/30/72



**BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OLD JAIL**  
 U.S.G.S. Hyannis, Mass.  
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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Office of the Secretary*

*State House, Boston 02133*

*John F. X. Davoren*

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

October 5, 1971

Mr. Richard Mehring  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
801 Nineteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

RE: 25-71-00004

Dear Richard:

This is to confirm our telephone call of today, about the Barnstable Jail.

The Barnstable Historical Commission is ready to go to work, but wants information on two points.

1: Has it met the "special conditions" in the agreement between the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation. These are: "As soon as they are available, send this office one set of plans or shop drawings if any work other than relocation."

2: Can an advance be secured, since bids are about to go out, and they will amount to more than the town of Barnstable has appropriated.

Your answer was that it appeared that no work other than relocation would be done and that therefore no plans were needed, and that as we had the proper forms for securing an advance, all that is necessary is to fill one out, and have Secretary Davoren sign it and send it in.

Would you send me a line confirming this? Or you might use a device my friend the Archivist of Colorado uses. She simply writes in longhand her answer on my letter, and then sends me a xerox of the letter and its answer.

Thanks for answering me so promptly.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Hale, Jr.  
Acting Chairman  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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OCT 12 1971

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Barnstable

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H34-HR

Mr. Richard W. Hale, Jr.  
Acting Chairman  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Hale:

In response to your letter of October 5, 1971, we submit the following:

1. You have indicated there is no work to be performed on the Old Barnstable Jail other than to relocate. Therefore, no drawings need be submitted for approval.

2. You may apply for an advance of the full amount of the grant-in-aid if you so wish. Several requests are enclosed herein.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

S. Sydney Bradford  
Assistant Keeper of the  
National Register

Enclosures

cc:  
SLO-Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman  
Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary, State  
House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133  
Director, Northeast Region  
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HR

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

3 Joy Street

Boston, Mass. 02108

John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

October 30, 1972

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N. Easton  
Jarm

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Director of Registration  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
1100 L Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Jerry,

Re: Moval and demolition and changes to be made of  
National Register properties in Massachusetts

The Loammi Baldwin Mansion, Woburn, Middlesex County, has been moved with an OAHF grant to Alfred Street, Woburn. A map indicating coordinates and new location is enclosed.

The Barnstable Old Jail, Barnstable, Barnstable County, was moved with and OAHF grant to Route 6A, Barnstable (next east to the Trayser Museum). A map indicating coordinates and new location is enclosed. ]

Foster's Block, 404-406 Main Street, Worcester, Worcester County, has been demolished. Your office is already aware that the Rotch Counting House, 123 Front Street, New Bedford, Bristol County, has also been demolished.

Enclosed, too, is an additional photograph of the North Easton Historic District, Easton, Bristol County, which National Register form is in your emergency or "quick" processing file.

Finally, a representative of the owner of the First Universalist Church, Provincetown, Barnstable County, has notified us that the condition of this building has changed from "good" to "fair".

Sincerely yours,

Anne Wardwell  
Survey Director

AW/plw  
encls.

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**OLD JAIL (25-71-00004-00).** *Barnstable, Barnstable Co.* Municipal ownership (Historical Commission). Earliest known jail of the Plymouth Colony and one of the oldest wooden structures of its kind in New England. Relocation to insure preservation, structural stabilization, and siding and roof restoration. \$10,000.00.

H30-HR

JUL 7 1971

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Massachusetts and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Edward W. Brooke and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

JUL 2 1971

Entered in the National Register

cc: Hon. John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Also notified: Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
United States Senate

Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Hon. Hastings Keith  
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler

6/28/71

HR  
PDHerrick:nm

cc: Director, Northeast Region