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The Josiah Dennis Manse, facing south at the intersection of Nobscusset Road and Whig Street, is surrounded by approximately three acres of fields and trees. Erected in 1736, it is a good example of the saltbox vernacular common to New England. Its shingled walls rise two and one half stories from a low foundation to a saltbox roofline. It is five bays wide, two bays deep, has a central chimney, and has two later single-storey rear ells. The windows, with the exception of two in each gable end, are restorations of original nine-over-six sash finished with simple projecting lintels and sills. The entrance of the Manse, the principal architectural embellishment of the facade, is composed of a paneled door surmounted by a rectangular five light transom and framed by pilasters topped by a plain classical entablature. A subdued dentilled cornice, under projecting eaves, and cornerboards constitute the only other touches of ornamentation.

The interior of the Manse reflects the simplicity of the exterior. The woodwork, although not elaborate, is well executed, and includes some paneling and wainscotting. The Manse also has a feature called a "stair bedroom", commonly found in eighteenth century cape houses built on low ground. The floor of this bedroom was raised several feet to create a cellar used for storage, without excavating into the high water table.



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The Josiah Dennis Manse is historically significant to the town of Dennis because of its connections with the Reverend Josiah Dennis, after whom the town was named. A graduate of Harvard College, Reverend Dennis was called to the east precinct of Yarmouth (as the present town of Dennis was then known) in 1725 and was ordained there in 1727. The Josiah Dennis Manse was built in 1736, and Reverend Dennis lived there, serving the parish faithfully, until his death in 1763. When the east precinct became independent of Yarmouth in 1793, the new town was named after its beloved first minister.

The house is also significant in that it remained in the same family until the twentieth century. It passed from Reverend Dennis' widow to his daughter, and from her to her niece, a Howes. Members of the Howes family lived there from then on. The Manse and its three acres of land are now owned by the town of Dennis and are maintained as a museum and historical center.



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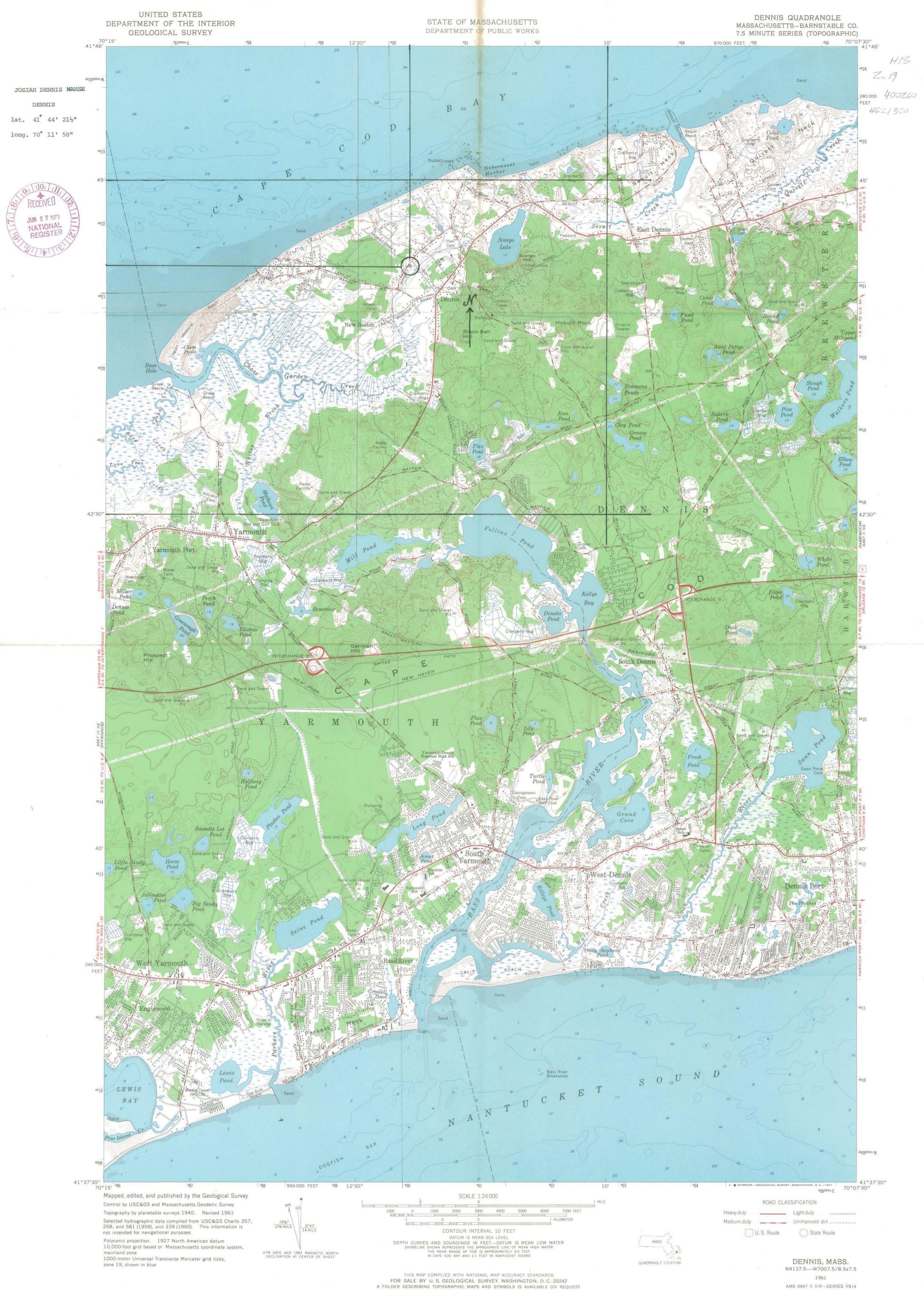
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## National Register of Historic Places

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION PROPERTY Dennis, Josiah, House NAME : MULTIPLE NAME : STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Barnstable 11/19/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE RECEIVED: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/05/14 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 74000360 NOMINATOR: STATE REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N OTHER: N PDIL: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N COMMENT WAIVER: N 1. 3. 14 DATE REJECT RETURN ACCEPT ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 10, 2013

J. Paul Loether National Park Service 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor National Register of Historic Places 1201 I (eye) Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Re: Address changes for properties listed on the NRHP

As we digitize our inventory of historic resources, we are discovering discrepancies in property addresses due to renumbering, changing the address to a side street that abuts the parcel, or assigning a precise address where none had existed. In some cases, property owners have notified us of an incorrect address. We are, therefore, writing to request technical corrections in the National Register records for the following:

#### Chelsea (Suffolk County)

 Chelsea Garden Cemetery (NRIND 2/9/2001)—new address is <u>70 Central Avenue</u> (formerly Shawmut Street) 01000084

#### **Cheshire (Berkshire County)**

Hall's Tavern (NRIND 3/10/1983)—new address is <u>31 North Street</u> (formerly North Street)
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#### Cohasset (Norfolk County)

 Pratt Historic Building (NRIND 9/7/2006)—new address is 106-110 South Main Street (formerly 106 South Main Street)

#### **Concord (Middlesex County)**

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo House (NRIND/NHL 10/15/1966; NRDIS 9/13/1977)—new address is <u>18 Cambridge Turnpike</u> (formerly 28 Cambridge Turnpike near intersection of Lexington Road)
- Sleepy Hollow Cemetery (NRIND 8/19/1998)—new address is 34A Bedford Street (formerly 24 Court Lane) 98000991

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#### **Dennis (Barnstable County)**

- West Schoolhouse (NRIND 4/24/1975)—new address is <u>61 Whig Street</u> (formerly Nobscusset Road)
- Dennis, Josiah Manse (NRIND 2/15/1974)— new address is <u>61 Whig Street</u> (formerly Nobscusset Road and Whig Street) West Schoolhouse and Josaih Dennis Manse, which stand adjacent to each other, have the same address. 74000 360 ×

#### Easton (Bristol County)

North Easton Railroad Station/Old Colony Railroad Station (NRIND 4/11/72; NRDIS 11/3/1972 and 12/23/1987; NHL 12/23/1987)—new address is 80 Mechanic Street (formerly Oliver Street or off Oliver St along railroad right of way) 72000125

#### Holden (Worcester County)

Willard-Fisk Farm (NRIND 2/23/1996) – new address is 121 Whitney Street (formerly 123 Whitney Street)

#### Wilmington (Middlesex County)

 West Schoolhouse (NRIND 2/23/1990)— new address is 141 Shawsheen Avenue (formerly Shawsheen Avenue at Aldrich Road) 9000144

#### Winthrop (Suffolk County)

- Newton, Edward B. School (NRIND 8/21/1997)— new address is 131 Pauline Street (formerly 45 Pauline Street) のつつうろうち
- Winthrop, Deane House (NRIND/TRA, First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, 3/9/1990)—new address is 34 Shirley Street (formerly 40 Shirley Street) 900016 20

#### Woburn (Middlesex County)

 U. S. Post Office-Woburn Center Station (NRIND 10/19/1987)—new address is 1 Abbott Street (formerly 2 Abbott Street) 8600 3436

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg () National Register Director Massachusetts Historical Commission National Register of Historic Places Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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40 Beacon Street

July 17, 1973

National Register of Historic Places Department of the Interior National Park Service 18th and C Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20240

Attention: Mr. Jerry Rogers

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is the nomination form for:

Barnstable County, Dennis, Josiah Dennis Manse,

which was returned to us for additional material and which we are now re-submitting. We believe that the physical appearance of the property, as set forth under #7, is an accurate and complete description of the house and grounds. It seems to us to contain as much information as do the sample forms printed in the manual "How to Complete National Register Forms." If outbuildings existed they certainly would have been mentioned in this submission; and those additions and changes made to the house were duly pointed out in our original form.

Proven connections with the founding years of the town exist in local documentation of the Josiah Dennis Manse. The property's title can be traced in the Registry of Deeds and it is also mentioned in probate records. Moreover, its unique and traditional position in local history is assured for future generations by its ownership and maintenance as a museum by the Town of Dennis. The staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission feels that these factors create a strong justification of the property's local significance and request that the National Register staff reconsider this nomination as initially submitted.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Amadon State Survey Director Massachusetts Historical Commission



CERTIFIED MAIL

#### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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