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Barnstable, Massachusetts MRA

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

CTB	41
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



1 Barnstable (Cotuit-Cotuit Port)
Address 49 Putnam Ave.
Historic Name Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. House

Present dwelling
Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION
Date 1783
Architect Gilbert Crocker, style
Style late Georgian
Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings ice house, wood shed, barn,
garage

Major Alterations (with dates)
porch added c. 1900

Condition excellent

Moved no Date

Acreage 4.2 36/44

Setting residential village area

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

UTM REFERENCE A 19/380520/4608520
USGS QUADRANGLE B 19/380670/4608650
SCALE Cotuit, MA
1:25000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins
Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.
Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Ebenezer Crocker Jr. House possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with the several illustrious families who have lived there: The Crockers, Hoopers and Lowells. It is also important for its associations with and continuous reflection of Cotuit's agricultural and summer resort history. Finally, it is significant as a fine piece of Georgian architecture enhanced by retention of its rural landscape and numerous outbuildings. The Crocker House thus meets criteria A, B and 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 Crocker House is a 2½ story gable roof structure with two interior chimneys. Its five bay facade is centered around the entry and a projecting enclosed porch at the second story. Windows at the first story have been replaced but the remainder are original and contain 6/6 sash; those on the side elevations have projecting lintels. The pilasters on the corners and the entry are similar to those of other Crocker family houses in Santuit (area CTA). There are two ells, one possibly older than the main house and a second, sail loft added with the summer kitchen before c. 1850-60. The porch on the south side and east was probably added in the 1860's by Gen. John Reed, the tenant who was allowed to make any changes he wanted. The window changes in the southwest parlor and the dining room (first story front) were made in 1892 by Mrs. Edward J. Lowell. The interior panelling is comparatively simple, though it is known that the northwest room had a panelled wall, which was so badly altered it was sealed up in 1892 and again in 1950. Except for narrowing the back hall to enlarge that room and altering the northeast bedroom to get a view and access

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

This house shows the further development of the houses built by the Crocker family in Santuit and the growth of interest in the maritime business. Ebenezer (1751-1817) married comparatively late and had his first son Nathan in 1783. It is possible that the house was built about that time as his grandson Gilbert stated and it was certainly there in 1794 when the road from Marstons Mills was completed to what is now Hooper's Landing. Ebenezer served two terms in the State legislature from 1791, which gave him the title of Esq. and Hon and according to his gravestone was considered "an upright and efficient and useful citizen" as well as that "His conciliating manners and active benevolence greatly endeared him to the neighborhood in which he lived." He is said to have built the wharf, now represented by eelgrass near the west fence. His son Braddock added the store, later used as a boat house. The elder son, Nathan Crocker became the first episcopal bishop of Rhode Island and was one of the first of his family to move away. The estate was divided at Old Oyster Road and the western part of the land was not developed until recently. Braddock's daughter Mary Bourne Crocker married Alexander Scudder, ship captain. He was persuaded to sell the estate to the Boston merchant Samuel Hooper, son-in-law to William Sturgis of Barnstable. This was to enable the captain to take one of the Hooper ships to the Gold Coast in 1849. Mr. Hooper became the first summer resident. Many well known people stayed in the house including Charles Sumner and other political figures. Hooper's niece Marian Hooper spent her honeymoon with Henry Adams in the house. Later, a cousin, Gen. John Reed rented the place with the privilege of making what changes he wished. After Mr. Hooper's death, Mrs. Edward J. Lowell took it over with her husband, historian of the French Revolution

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Barnstable (Cotuit-
Cotuit Port)

Form No:

CTB
41

Property Name: Ebenezer Crocker, Jr.
House

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Continued

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Continued

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Crocker, Ebenezer Jr., House (Barnstable MRA)

Substantive Review

Barnstable County

MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 2/24/87 - 3/13/87

Action: ☐ ACCEPT

☒ RETURN 3-13-87

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal

☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*see general review
comments for the
MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Savage

Discipline Architectural History

Date 3/13/87

_____ 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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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

Patrick Ardus

Date

3/13/87

Phone: _____

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo.
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Contributing/Non-contributing status

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4 structures C
2 structures NC

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SCALE 1:25000

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (Cotuit- Cotuit Port)	Form No: CTB 41
Property Name: Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Continued:

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see detail below:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Continued

and Hessians. Their daughter, Alice, wife of James Hardy Ropes, professor at Harvard took it over in 1904 and many academic visitors stayed there.

Description: outbuildings

Four contributing historic outbuildings, all of which date from the mid-19th century and all of which appear on the 1880 County Atlas, are scattered about the fields of the Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. House. The simplest is the post-1850 workshop which is a 1½ story shingled structure with no decorative detail. It retains early 6/6 sash, but has been modernized with an overhead garage door. It contained a forge in the 19th century. Of more interest is the c1850 ice house with attached woodshed. The ice house portion is a 1½ story shingled structure whose gable roof is topped by a cupola. This center portion is framed by 1 story woodshed wings which retain original swinging doors. The largest and oldest outbuilding on the property is a c1794 barn which is a clapboarded gable roof structure with cupola. Windows contain 6/6 sash and are headed by heavy caps. A carriage room was added later, during the ownership of Samuel Hooper. Finally, a board and batten cottage built c1850 by William Webb, a Scottish farmhand, exists on the property. It is a small 1½ story gable roof structure with a symmetrical three bay facade and lean-to roof profile. Two other outbuildings that are in deteriorated condition and appear to be later in date are not considered to be contributing.

see attached photographs of all outbuildings.

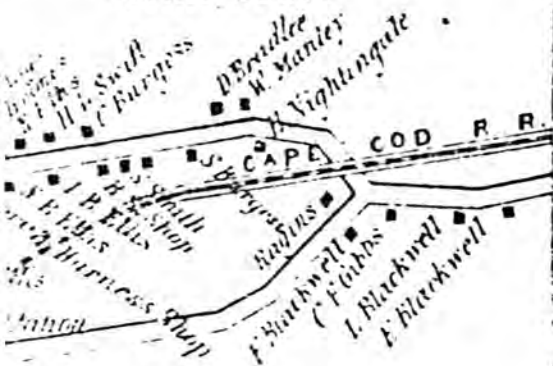
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NORTH SANDWICH

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Scale $\frac{1}{30000}$



DOCUMENT (SANDWICH)

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Scale $\frac{1}{30000}$

COTUIT PORT

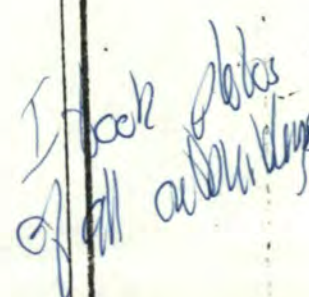
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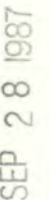
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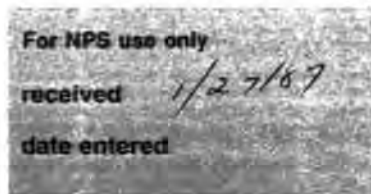
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Building at 600 Main Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3-13-87

Attest

32. Building at 606 Main Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3-13-87

Attest

33. Building at 614 Main Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3-13-87

Attest

34. Campbell, Collen C.,
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3-13-87

Attest

35. Canary--Hartnett House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

Attest

Barth L. Savage 3/13/87

36. Chase, Lemuel B., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3/13/87

Attest

37. Codman, Col. Charles,
Estate

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

Attest

Barth L. Savage 3/13/87

38. Crocker, Capt. Alexander,
House

Entered in the
National Register

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Alvina Byers 3/13/87

Attest

39. Crocker, Benomi and
Barnabas, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 3/13/87

Attest

40. Crocker, Ebenezer Jr.,
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/10/87

Attest

Barth L. Savage 11/10/87

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Crocker, Ebenezer Jr., House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Administrative Section

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

Working No. 1627/87
Fed. Reg. Date: 5/1/87
Date Due: 11/12/87
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-10-87
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*fine example of Georgian residence
w/ accompanying rural landscape
and outbuildings associated w/
several illustrious families.*

Recom./Criteria Accept Add
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Arch. & Rural History
Date 11/10/87

see continuation sheet

Initial return comments have been addressed.

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

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- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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☐ completeness
☐ clarity
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☐ 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
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- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
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- ☐ justification of exception
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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

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date

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- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. House CTB 41
49 Putnam Ave, Coluit 1987
Barn.

34-4-CTB 41



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. H&E CTB41
49 Putnam Ave. 1980
Facing NE

B41

H5e

83-6-B41



Ebenezer Crocher, Jr. House CTB 41
49 Putnam Ave, Cotuit 1987
Workshop

134-6-CTB 41



134-3-CTB 41

Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. House CTB-41
49 Putnam Ave., Cotuit 1987
Farmhouse



Ebenzer Crocher, Jr. 1788 CTB-41

49 Putnam Ave, Cotuit 1987

Ice House / Wood Shed

BARNSTABLE MIRA
MASS.

134-2-CTB41



Ebenezer Crocker, Jr. Hse CTB-41
49 Putnam Ave
Cotuit

1987

NC SHEDS

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BARNSTABLE
MRA
MASS.

— CDB 41

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271