

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Massachusetts

COUNTY:
Barnstable

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ENTRY DATE
JUN 5 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: *Highland House #15-94 (Cape Cod NS)*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Cape Cod Light (Highland Light) area

CITY OR TOWN:
Truro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Twelfth

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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <i>Used by the Truro Historical Society as a museum.</i>

4. AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
National Park Service (Interior)

STREET AND NUMBER:
150 Causeway Street

CITY OR TOWN:
North Atlantic Regional Office

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE
25

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Barnstable Registry

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 6A

CITY OR TOWN:
Barnstable

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE
001

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Plan of Land, N. Truro, Lillian M. Small by John R. Dyer

DATE OF SURVEY: *1945 (Dec.)* Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Barnstable Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Barnstable

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE
001

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present-day Highland House was built by Issac M. Small in 1907. It lies in an area embracing the famous Highland Light (1797); an historically early golf course, and a former summer visitor complex comprising some 86 acres.

Tdday, the building is used as a museum by the Truro Historical Society. It is a two-story clapboard and shingled building, 32 x 92 feet, Highland House was used as a restaurant as late as 1968.

The doors, double-hung windows, door and window casings, metal ceiling, appear to be original; large, first-floor dining room, are as originally installed, and are typical examples of the construction of this period. As a whole, the building is structurally sound.

The second floor bedrooms, placed on either side of a central corridor which runs the length of the building, are supported within the corridor walls by steel rods suspended from the wood frame trusses in the attic. These steel rods extend across the building--the trusses are supported by the side walls.

Externally, this building presented a veranda around the West and North sides. Part of the West veranda remains--the North half, facing part of the historic golf course, has been converted to an extra room, leanto. Other changes include a kitchen built on the East end, and an ell added to the South side.

Besides the golf course, there were a half dozen "guest cottages" in the complex; these structures, several of which have been removed, once served an important visitational use in the life of summer visitors to Cape Cod.

Some minor alterations have been made to Highland House by the Truro Historical Society, who uses the facility on Special Use Permit from the National Park Service.

Significance: 3rd Order

Longitude and Latitude: See Section 10

Acreage: Less than one acre

The Highland House is used as the present time as a historical museum by the Truro Historical Society, Inc., under a Special Use Permit. Some amount of restoration/preservation should eventually be done. This could cost from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Photograph enclosed.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1907

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Early, summer</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>visitor accom-</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>modations.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1835, James Small built a two-story, clapboard farmhouse near the present Highland House. Isaac Small, for 50 years a resident of the area, states: "Henry David Thoreau visited our family twice on his journeys down the Cape, the first time at the Lighthouse when my father was Keeper in June of 1850, and again in 1855 when he stopped with us at the Farm." This "Farmhouse", the original Highland House, began accomodating summer visitors as early as 1835. (This old building has unfortunately been moved out of the vicinity). Isaac Small built the present House in 1907. and continued the guest house tradition--he added several guest cottages. and a golf course, one of the two oldest golf courses in the United States (dating 1892), was part of the complex.

While the present Highland House is only 67 years old, it is important as a survivor of a way of life gone forever on Cape Cod--an architectural structure designed for visitor use years before the "summer people" began individual land and house purchases for summer retreats.

Located as it is in the area explored by the Pilgrims in November, 1620, (before going on to Plymouth), utilized as the best farm site in Truro, placed in proximity to the important Life Saving Station (1872) and Highland Lighthouse (1797), and continuously watched over by Marine Weather Station Reporter, Isaac M. Small, the present Highland House, now used as a museum, stands as a monument to a historical past embracing some 350 years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Just a Little About the Lower Cape, booklet, by Isaac M. Small, 1922.
2. Truro--Cape Cod by Shebnah Rich: Boston, D. Lothrop and Company, 1883.
3. Cape Cod by Henry David Thoreau. University Press: Welch, Bigelow, and Company, Cambridge, 1864.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42°	02'	25"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		70°	03'	56"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				

SW Approximate acreage of nominated Property: less than 1 acre

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

NO UTM
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Edison Pike Lohr, Park Historian</u>		DATE: <u>2/25/74</u>
BUSINESS ADDRESS: <u>Cape Cod National Seashore, National Park Service</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER:		PHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: <u>South Wellfleet</u>	STATE: <u>Massachusetts</u>	CODE: <u>25</u>

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Elizabeth R. Amodon
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

[Signature]
 Federal Representative Signature

MAR 3 1975
 Date

 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/5/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 3 1975