

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, Massachusetts MRA

AREA FORM NO.

WBC	96
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable-West)

Address 210 Maple Street

Historic Name Josiah B. Whitman House

Use: Present Residential/private  
Norma G. Phillips  
Original Residential  
Josiah B. Whitman

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1860

Source Registry of Deeds

Style French Second Empire

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric painted clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved no Date

Acreage 3.02 acres 132/24

Setting Residential on Jones Mill Pond

Recorded by Martin Wirtanen  
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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 19/384430/4618150

USGS QUADRANGLE Sandwich, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

## **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Josiah B. Whitman House possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a well preserved and locally well understood vernacular example of the mansard style. It thus meets criterion 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 house facing northwest is a two story French Second Empire style structure with a wing extending southwest. The square main house has a mansard roof with a central chimney toward the back, and rests on a stone foundation. The front entrance is on the left and the door has oval lights. There is a bay window on the right of the entry and one dormer window on the second floor. On the left of the entry is a small porch in a jog formed by the wider back part of the house. The pediments and brackets supporting the entry way roof and roofs of the bay windows and porch are ornate in the classic French Second Empire style. The wing has a regular peaked roof with the gable at the southwest end. There is an entrance and one window on the ground floor and two dormer windows on the second floor facing northwest. One dormer is very ornate. There is a chimney in the center of the wing. Although this cottage is rather simple in its details, it represents a clearer understanding of the Second Empire Style than most others in the town.

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

In 1926 Henry P. Young bought five acres and buildings from Lillian W. Rowe of Exeter, New Hampshire with all rights in and to Jones "Mill Pond." Lillian W. Rowe inherited the property from Josiah B. Whitman, her father, in 1923. In 1874 Josiah B. Whitman bought the land from Lydia P. Crocker, his mother-in-law. The deed states - five acres cleared land "now occupied by and upon which buildings of said Josiah B. Whitman now stand." Lydia P. Crocker's first husband, Jonas Whitman, son of Dr. Jonas and Mercy Whitman inherited a great deal of property from his parents and a trust set up by his mother. However, he purchased this parcel from Oliver Bodfish in 1844. Ebenezer Bodfish who died in 1832, had given part of his land holdings to Josiah and Oliver Bodfish in 1822. Amos Otis wrote that Ebenezer Bodfish was of the fourth generation. Robert Bodfish was one of the original settlers in the town of Sandwich. Joseph Bodfish, the ancestor of all the Bodfish families in Barnstable, moved here in 1657 and died in 1744 when he was 94 years old. (see form WBC-94). This property and others on the shore of Mill Pond had boundaries set on the flooded land if the pond was ever drained.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Otis, Amos - Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families, 1888  
Barnstable County Atlas - 1880, 1858  
Town of Barnstable assessors map #132-34  
Registry of Deeds - Barnstable County  
Registry of Probate - Barnstable County

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

<b>Community:</b> Barnstable (West Barnstable-West)	<b>Form No:</b> WBC96
<b>Property Name:</b> Josiah B. Whitman House	

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

PREVIOUS OWNERS

- 1957- Norma E. Phillips from Esther M. Strom
- 1948 - Esther M. Strom from Ella M. Mobing
- 1946 - Esther M. Strom and Ella Maja Mobing from Victor Leeman
- 1946 - Victor Leeman from Thomas A. Flanagan
- 1936 - Thomas Flanagan from the First National Bank of Yarmouth
- 1926 - First National Bank of Yarmouth from Henry W. Young
- 1926 - Henry W. Young from Lillian W. Rowe
- 1923 - Lillian W. Rowe from Josiah B. Whitman, her father
- 1874 - Josiah B. Whitman from Lydia P. Crocker, his mother-in-law
- 1844 - Jonas Whitman, first husband of Lydia P. Crocker from Oliver Bodfish
- 1822 - Oliver and Josiah Bodfish from Ebenezer Bodfish

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Whitman, Josiah B., House (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 3-13-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

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

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. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



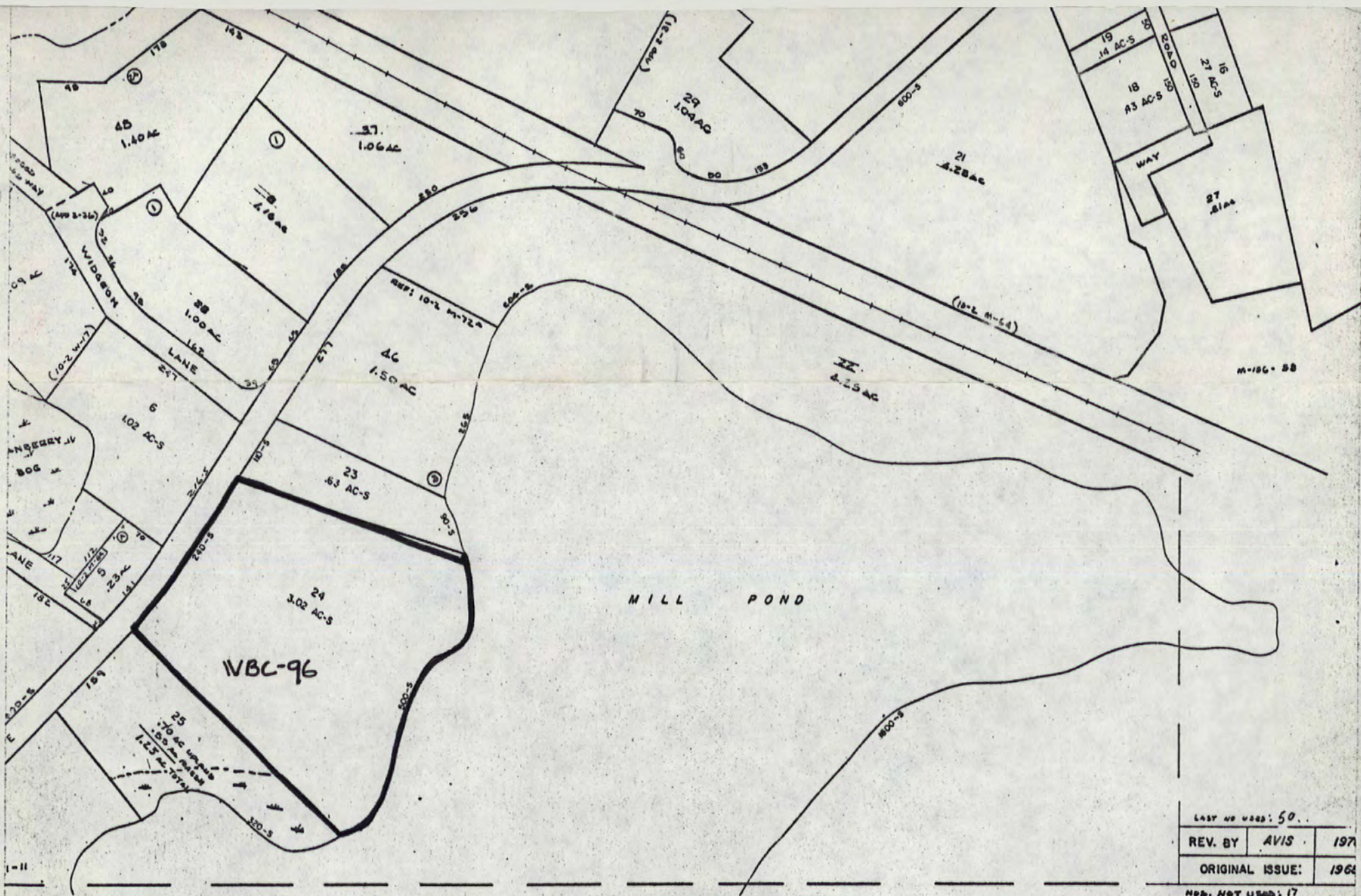
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Barnstable, Mass, MRA

Josiah B. Whitman HRC WBC96

210 Maple St. (1985)

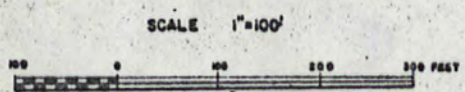
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MILL POND

LAST NO USED: 50		
REV. BY	AVIS	197
ORIGINAL ISSUE:		1964
NO. NOT USED: 17		



265



110	133	157
109	132	156
108	131	155

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Barnstable, MA MRA  
 Josiah B. Whitman House, 210 Maple St. West Barnstable  
 Assessors' Map

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271