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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC The Chatham WindmillAND/OR COMMON
same**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Chase Park, off Shattuck Place

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Chatham

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Barnstable

CODE

001 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☒ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Town of Chatham

NAME Board of Selectmen, Edward T. Harrington, Chairperson ✓

STREET & NUMBER Town Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Chatham

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02633

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Barnstable Complex, Route 6A

CITY, TOWN

Barnstable

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE Historic American Buildings Survey
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #915

DATE 1934, 1977

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress, Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.; Boston, Massachusetts

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
☒ EXCELLENT	☐ DETERIORATED	☐ UNALTERED	☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ GOOD	☐ RUINS	☒ ALTERED	☒ MOVED
☐ FAIR	☐ UNEXPOSED		DATE 1955

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chatham Windmill is located in Chase Park on a small hill above Mill Pond in the southeastern corner of Chatham.

The Windmill is a three-story octagonal structure with a rotating cap. The sides of the mill taper in to the cap which has a ridge and cambered sides. The blades are attached at one gable and the peak by tail pole extends from the other gable. The entire structure is sheathed in shingles. There are entrances on two sides; one to the north and one to the south. There are two small windows on the second floor.

The blades are a simple rectangular grid and are fitted with two sails each to regulate the velocity. On the ground floor is the stone wheel powered by the blades.

The mill was originally built in 1797 and much of the fabric of the existing structure is original. Wearing parts, such as gears, have been replaced periodically. Some of the structure has been replaced during restorations in 1956 and 1977. Both times the work was competently and professionally carried out, conserving as much of the existing fabric as allowable and avoiding wholesale replacement.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1797

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Col. Benjamin Godfrey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chatham Windmill is significant as one of the few surviving wind-powered grist mill in operating condition. The Windmill was the principal grist mill in Chatham throughout the 19th century.

The Windmill was built by Colonel Benjamin Godfrey in 1797, whose family continued to own it until the end of the Civil War. The mill passed hands several times but remained in use until a gale storm in 1907 destroyed the top of the shaft and arms. In 1908 it was again put back in use and it remained so until 1916. In 1929 another storm tipped the cap, wrecking the trundle and blades again.

In 1955 the Windmill was donated to the Town of Chatham by Stuart Crocker. At that time it was moved from its original location on Stage Harbor to its present site. The Town maintains the Windmill as a museum and employs a miller who continues to grind corn.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wailles; Rex, "Notes on Some Windmills in New England," Old Time New England, V.XXI, No. 3, January, 1931.

Hamilton; Edward Pierce, "Some Windmills of Cape Cod," paper read at the Engineer's Club, April 22, 1925.

Records of the Town of Chatham

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/33 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Clair Baisly

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & Chatham Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

24 March 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Potter L. Westlake

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Comm.

DATE

6/21/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11-30-78

ATTEST:

Donna M. Dore

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/27/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Chatham Windmill

State

Mass.

Working Number

6.30.78..3525

TECHNICAL

Photos 1Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
7.6.78

HISTORIAN

Important as one of few surviving wind-powered grist mills in operation. Structure has been moved from original location but its industrial/commercial importance to community outweighs this.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Jan 4. Belmont
11/27/78
ACCEPT

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

Regionally significant example of wooden technology
accept

HAER

Inventory Review 10/27/78
Don Tap Allen

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING STRUCTURE. ONE OF FEW LEFT -- IN WORKING CONDITION.

ACCEPT FOR UNIT CHIEF

MACDOUGAL

11/27/78

BRANCH CHIEF

moved as condition of gift to municipality.
I concur with MacDougal, Jackson, and Gilmore.

KEEPER

National Register Write-up 2-6-79

Federal Register Entry

Send-back Re-submit

Entered

NOV 30 1978

INT:2106-74



The Chatham Windmill
Chatham, MA.
1977

JUN 30 1978

Clair Baisly
Chatham Historical Commission
Morris Island Road
Chatham, MA. 02633

NOV 30 1978

SEA

Looking north towards the Windmill

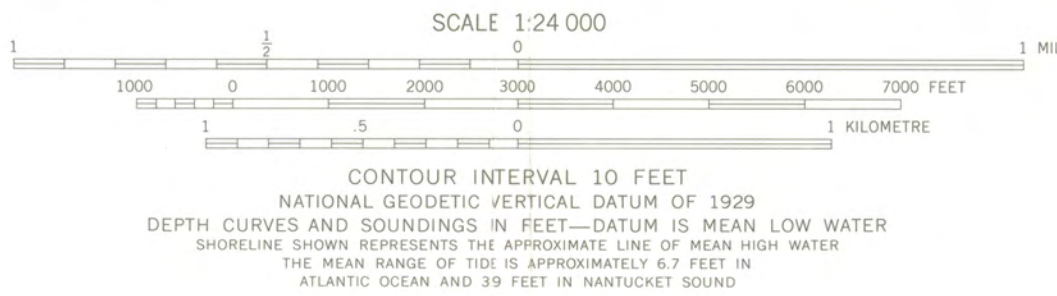
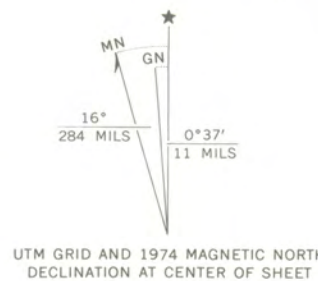
Chatham
1977
Clair Baisly
Chatham Hist. Comm.
#2 enlargement
from Mill Pond (south) side

The Chatham Windmill
Chatham, MA.
UTM Reference:
19/420150/4614060

19/420150/4614060



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1940. Revised
from aerial photographs taken 1973. Field checked 1974
Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS 257 (1972) and
270 (1971). 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-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface ————
Secondary highway, hard surface ————
Unimproved road ————
Interstate Route ————
U. S. Route ————
State Route ————

CHATHAM, MASS.
N4137.5—W6952.5
1974

AMS 7067 III NW—SERIES V84





TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT:

TO/FROM: JOE ORFMT

DATE: 11/8/18

ADDRESS: Massachusetts

PHONE: 617-727-8470

STAFF MEMBER: Alex Doughty

DIVISION: 11/27/18

REPORT: CHATHAM WINDMILL

WHAT IS THE UBD - STRUCTURE ITSELF?

SIMPLY THE STRUCTURE BECAUSE IT WAS MOVED.

WHY WAS WINDMILL MOVED?

THE OWNER DECIDED TO DONATE IT TO THE TOWN AND DID IT
WITH THE PROVISIO THAT IT BE RELOCATED OFF HIS PROPERTY,
ORFMT DOES NOT KNOW HOW THE ORIGINAL SITE AND NEW SITE
COMPARE.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE

Date Entered **NOV 30 1978**

Name

Chatham Windmill

Location

Chatham
Barnstable County

Honorable Edward W. Brooke Also Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Gerry E. Studds

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: Thatham Windmill		② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: NOV 30 1978		④ county code: 01	
⑤ LOCATION street & number Chase Park, Shattuck Pl.		city / town Chatham		vicinity of		state MA	
				county Barnstable		⑥ NPS REGION: NA	
⑦ OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☒ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)						⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:	
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS ☒ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		⑩ FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 12th		⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL	
⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		⑮ ACREAGE		if state who prepared form? MA Hist. Comm. ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
⑯ CONDITION				⑰ features:			
☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair				☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7			
☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated				☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8			
☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated				☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9			
⑱ ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown				⑲ ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		⑳ SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :				㉒ CLAIMS: explain			
☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25				'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
㉓ functions				㉔ dates of initial construction:		㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:				major alterations:			
CURRENTLY:				historic events:			
㉖ architectural style(s):		㉗ architect:		㉘ master builder:		㉙ engineer:	
㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉛ interior decorator:		㉜ artist:		㉝ artisan:	
						㉞ builder/contractor:	
㉟ NAMES give role & date							
PERSONAL:							
EVENTS:							
INSTITUTIONAL:							

NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP