

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, Massachusetts MRA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
WBC	100

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable-West)

Address 375 Cedar Street

Historic Name Matthias Smith House

Use: **Present** Residence/farm/private
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brysen

Original Residence/farm
Matthias Smith

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1760

Source Registry of Deeds -
Barnstable County

Style Full Cape, story and a half

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings barn, garage, tool house,
3 chicken houses

Major Alterations (with dates) 1966

northernmost bay added to enlarge original
3/4 house to full house

Condition excellent

Moved no **Date** _____

Acreage 2.03 acres 131/62

Setting Residential

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 19/384070/4617900

USGS QUADRANGLE Sandwich, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Matthias Smith House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an evolutionary example of a mid-18th century West Barnstable farmstead, consisting of expanded main house and numerous outbuildings. The property 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 is located on the southwest side of Cedar Street and faces northeast. There are two one story ells added on the left, each stepped back from the front of the main section and with louvered roof line. The original house was a three-quarter Cape and the addition was made on the right to become a full Cape. There is a chimney through the peak near the southeast gable end of the house and another at the northwest gable end. There is also a chimney through the peak of the northwest end of the second ell. The centrally located front door has a transom of two "bulls eye" lights. The windows are small pane 12/12 lite. The house has a low stone foundation on the southeast end and cement on the northwest end. The exterior is unpainted wood shingle. The center front door, with 2 "bulls eye" lights opens into the present living room running the depth of the house. To the immediate left is a door to a bedroom, further down the same wall a door leads to the present dining room. From the living room, a steep stair goes to 2 bedroom upstairs and is located behind the back wall of the living room. A bathroom is on past the stairs. The fireplaces in the central chimney have been closed, but it is used by the furnace in the cellar. This is the

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

In 1868, Joseph H. Holway purchased the property from Mary Lawrence, his grandmother. She had purchased the rights from the heirs to the property after Henry Lawrence, her husband, died in 1863. Henry Lawrence of Sandwich purchased the buildings and forty acres from Isaac Smith of Rhode Island in 1836. Isaac Smith inherited the property from his father Mathias Smith in 1819. Mathias Smith, born 1738, married Hannah Fuller in 1762. Isaac was born in 1784. Cedar Street was once part of the Indian Trail used by early settlers which ran from Plymouth to Mattakeese (Barnstable-Yarmouth) until the County road, now Main Street, was established in 1686. Robert and Lynda Baysen bought 6.09 acres of land and the buildings in 1978 from Frank Hincks, Jr.; the SE corner of the original farm. Frank and Doris Hinckshad owned a larger section of the farm, 40+ acres, since 1938 when they purchased from Arvid Lampi, who sold a "portion of the premise conveyed by Mary Penny Roga." Mrs. Roga, widow of Joseph Penny Roga, sold to Mr. Lampi in 1920. Mr. Roga, 1918, had owned the farm since 1914, having purchased from Joseph N. Holway. The farm was the homestead of Henry Lawrence, who owned a great deal of property. After his death in 1863, his wife Mary Lawrence, purchased the rights of the heirs in the farm, then in 1868 sold the farm to her grandson, Joseph H. Holway, with the provision she could "retain occupancy for her natural life." Sarah Holway, daughter of Mary Lawrence and mother of Joseph H., lived NW of the farm on Maple St. (Form #WBC-98). Henry Lawrence of Sandwich purchased the buildings and 40 acres from Isaac Smith of Cumberland, Rhode Island in 1836. Isaac Smith got the homestead property of buildings and 30 acres from his father, Mathias Smith, in 1819. Mathias Smith, born 1738, married Hannah Fuller in 1762. Their son Isaac was born in 1784.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lynd, Bryson - interview April 22, 1983
Town of Barnstable Assessors map #108-7
Barnstable County Atlases - 1858, 1880 and 1907
Otis, Amos - Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families, 1888
Registry of Deeds - Barnstable County
Registry of Probate - Barnstable County

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (West Barnstable-West)	Form No: WBC 100
Property Name: Matthias Smith House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE continued

main house; on past the dining room is the kitchen in the first one story addition and a bedroom is located in the further, smaller addition. A porch across the back of the house, the same width as the dining room, has a roofline with the gable facing SW. This is a working farm, with a barn, tool house, 3 chicken houses and garage as outbuildings.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE continued

The house is on the southside of Cedar Street which was once part of the Indian Trail used by early settlers which ran from Plymouth to Mattakeese (Barnstable-Yarmouth) until the County Road, now Main Street was established in 1686.

PREVIOUS OWNERS

- 1978 - Robert and Lynda Bryson from Frank Hincks
- 1938 - Frank and Doris Hincks from Arvid Lampi
- 1920 - Arvid Lampi from Mary Perry Roga, who was left the property by her husband, Joseph, in 1918
- 1914 - Joseph Perry Roga, from Joseph H. Holway
- 1868 - Joseph H. Holway from Mary Lawrence, his grandmother. See Form #WBC-98 for property of Sarah Holway, daughter of Mary Lawrence and mother of Joseph
- 1863 - Mary Lawrence from her husband Henry Lawrence and other heirs
- 1836 - Henry Lawrence from Isaac Smith
- 1819 - Isaac Smith from his father Mathias Smith

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith, Matthias, House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/3/87

Included in the
National Register

Action: ACCEPT 3-3-87

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- 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	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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<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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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271