

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Barnstable, MA MRA

AREA

FORM NO.

CTA

9

JAN 27 1987

Barnstable (Cotuit-Santuit)

ess Main Street

oric Name Santuit Post Office

Present dwelling

Original post office

RIPTION

c. 1846-48

ce style; death of Roland Crocker

e Gothic Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric flush boarding

Outbuildings two story barn

Major Alterations (with dates) replacement
of porch posts with metal supports, c. 1960?

Condition good

Moved No Date

Acreage 9/12 4.3

Setting residential

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 19/379200/460060

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

Photo #81-15-A9

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Santuit Post Office possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with the development of Cotuit Port as the village center, as the village post office from 1846-1970, and as a good example of early Gothic Revival architecture. It thus meets criteria A 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 Santuit Post Office is a curious building whose diminutive size and simple Gothic Revival style detailing resemble the "cottages" being erected at seaside resorts in the period 1850-1875. It is a simple 1 1/2 story structure with steeply pitched gable roof and flush board siding. A one story porch, now carried on tubular metal supports, protects the side entry. An oriel is located in the second story gable.

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

Cotuit's Post Office was established in 1821 in the home of Roland T. Crocker (Area CTA-1), the first postmaster. In 1848 a post office was opened closer to the growing center at Cotuit Port. Although some historians have stated that this post office dates from the original establishment in 1821, its simple Gothic Revival style detailing reflects a construction date in the 1840s when the Cotuit Port branch supposedly opened. A more likely history would be that upon the death of Roland Crocker in 1846, a movement was started to move the post office closer to the growing Cotuit Port section. The style and location (mid-way between Santuit and Cotuit Port) support this theory. In further support, no post office building is shown on the 1858 atlas of Cotuit Port. The Santuit post office closed in the 1970s and the building was converted to a private dwelling.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Barnstable County Atlases. 1858, 1880, 1907.
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETSantuit Post Office (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

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Substantive Review

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

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87Action: ACCEPT☒ RETURN 3-13-87☐ REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

*see general review
comments for the MRA.*Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer SchweDiscipline Architectural HistoryDate 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 Andrews Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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

Town Barnstable (Cotuit-Santuit)

Address Main Street

Historic Name Santuit Post Office

Use: Present dwelling

Original post office

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1846-48

Source style; death of Roland Crocker

Style Gothic Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric flush boarding

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) replacement of porch posts with metal supports, c. 1960?

Condition good

Moved No Date

Acreage less than one acre

Setting residential

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).
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

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Located on the same lot as the post office are the Silas Jones House and barn, both vernacular structures constructed between 1880 and 1907. Although they certainly contribute to the historic ambiance of the area, they do not make a direct contribution to the history of the Post Office

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register for KeeperShelton Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

B 72. Osterville Baptist Church

Substantive Review for Keeper

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Church

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74. Phinney, William and Jane,
HouseEntered in the
National Register for KeeperShelton Byrum 3-13-87

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75. Rhodehouse, Nelson, House

Entered in the
National Register for KeeperShelton Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

76. Richardson, John, House

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77. Robbins, Joseph, House

Substantive Review for Keeper

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78. Round House

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National Register for KeeperShelton Byrum 3-13-87

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B 79. Sampson's Folly--Josiah
Sampson House

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80. Santuit Post Office

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Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. 11/27/87Fed. Reg. Date: 5/17/89Date Due: 11/12/87Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-10-87☐ RETURN☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

*Locally significant
 example of early Gothic
 Revival influence. Initial
 return comments have been
 addressed.*

Recom./Criteria Accept CReviewer SevoseDiscipline Archaeological HistoryDate 11/10/87

____ see continuation sheet

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13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Santuit Post Office CTA9

Main St. 1980

facing NW

by Berkeley

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by Berkeley

Prestige Prints

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271