

FORM B - BUILDINGAREAFORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable-East)Address #350 Plum Street, West BarnstableHistoric Name Blish - Garret Home

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

Use: Present residenceOriginal farm

DESCRIPTION

Date pre 1809 c1760Source Registry of Deeds-Barnstable CountyStyle Georgian Cape Cod 1/2 house (story and
a half)Architect unknownExterior Wall Fabric wood shinglesOutbuildings Guest House

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 4.5 196/20-1Setting ResidentialRecorded by Martin Wirtanen
Candace JenkinsOrganization Barnstable Historical Comm.Date 1986

Phtot #41-13A-A21

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 19/387180/466550USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MASCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Blish-Garret House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a reflection of Barnstable's early agricultural history, and as an intact vernacular example of a Georgian period half-Cape. The property 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.

This Cape Cod half house, story and a half, appears to have been built in the Georgian period. The small central chimney is off center almost in line with the front door which is on one end of the west facade. The house and window trim are plain. The windows were built up to the roof eave and are small pane 12/12. A small ell on the south gable end and a larger ell extending from the east facade were added later. The house has a low roof pitch and a low stone foundation. The door appears to have a plain four or five light transom.

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

Garretts Pond was named after Andrew Garrett who lived here and owned the property from 1809 to 1835. The first known owner was Joseph Blish. The property extends to the shore of Garrets Pond and was used by the owners and villagers for the annual washing of sheep from colonial times to the 1800s. The families that lived here raised livestock and farmed the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Trayser, Donald G., Barnstable: Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town, 1939
Barnstable County Atlas 1858, 1880, 1907
Registry of Deeds - Barnstable County
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Baker, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 3/13/87

Attest

22. Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

23. Baxter, Charles L.,
House

Entered in the
National Register

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Melrose Byers 3/13/87

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24. Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,
House

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25. Baxter, Shubael, House

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Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

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Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

26. Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,
House

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Attest

Beth L. Savage 3/13/87

27. Bearse, Capt., Oliver,
House

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28. Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,
House

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National Register

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29. Blish--Garrett House

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30. Building at 237--239 Main
Street

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National Register

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Melrose Byers 3/13/87

Attest

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Blish—Garret 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Blish/Garrett Hsc WBAZ/
350 Plum St. (1981)
Facing E



Barnstable, MA MRA
Blish/Garrett House, 350 Plum Street, West Barnstable
Assessors' Map, Scale: 1"=100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271