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FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, Massachusetts M

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
CTA	12



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

Barnstable (Cotuit-Santuit)

Address 40 Old King's Road

Historic Name Sampson's Folly

Josiah Sampson House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

1807

Owner Santuit/Cotuit Historical Society

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates)

entry removal of one story porch

Condition excellent

Moved no Date

Acreage 1.00 22/105

Setting residential

UTM REFERENCE 19/379380/4609520

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

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

The Josiah Sampson House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with the wealthy Sampson family, and, especially, for the exceptional quality of its Federal period architecture. The house thus meets criteria B 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 Sampson House is the finest example of the Federal period style in Cotuit and one of the finest in the entire town. It is a full five bay, two story structure enclosed by a hip roof with monitor and twin interior chimneys. It is extended to the west by a two story, three bay ell. The house and ell are trimmed with corner quoins and a narrow cornice. Windows have simple surrounds with slightly projecting sills, and contain 6/6 sash. The five bay facade is centered around a rather awkward entry with 3/4 side lights but no fan or porch to finish the design; it seems likely that a porch has been removed, a supposition substantiated by an early photograph that barely shows a typical, open, Federal period porch, obscured by trees. The entry is surmounted by a three part window. The ell contains an entry with semi-circular fan.

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

Josiah Sampson (1753-1829) was a gentleman farmer who owned many acres of woodland and meadow. He married the daughter of Capt. Joseph Crocker who had a small house on this parcel in 1777. It is not known whether this house incorporates the earlier one or not. After Josiah's death, the estate passed to his son Josiah, Jr. and then to his grandson William at which time it was converted to a two family house. In the early 20th century Hiram Crocker ran a dairy farm here. He was the husband of Rebecca Sampson, granddaughter of Josiah, Jr. He used the meadow east of the river for pasture; that land is now developed with houses and a golf course. In the 1940's and 50's the house was used as a clubhouse and inn by Raymond Crawford. In 1976 the mansion was restored as a single family home. During the 20th century, probably in the 1920's, an archaeological team from the Peabody Museum at Harvard, conducted an investigation of the property finding many artifacts.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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Criteria B

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

JAN 27 1987

Sampson's Folly-Josiah Sampson House  
(Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87  
Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 3-13-87  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*see general review  
comments for the MRA.*

Recom./Criteria return  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Arch. History  
Date 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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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 Patricia Andrews Date 3/13/97 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA  
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Methodist Church

~~Entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~ for Keeper

Alma Byers 3-13-87

Attest

72. Osterville Baptist Church

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

73. Osterville Community Church

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Attest

74. Phinney, William and Jane, House

~~Entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~ for Keeper

Alma Byers 3-13-87

Attest

75. Rhodehouse, Nelson, House

~~Entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~ for Keeper

Alma Byers 3-13-87

Attest

76. Richardson, John, House

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

77. Robbins, Joseph, House

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 11/10/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 11/10/87

78. Round House

~~Entered in the~~  
~~National Register~~ for Keeper

Alma Byers 3-13-87

Attest

79. Sampson's Folly--Josiah Sampson House

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

80. Santuit Post Office

~~Substantive Review~~ for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 11/10/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 11/10/87

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

*Substantive Review*

Sampson's Folly--Josiah Sampson House (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 9/20/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-18-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Outstanding local example  
of Federal Style residence.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer SWC  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 9/18/87  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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



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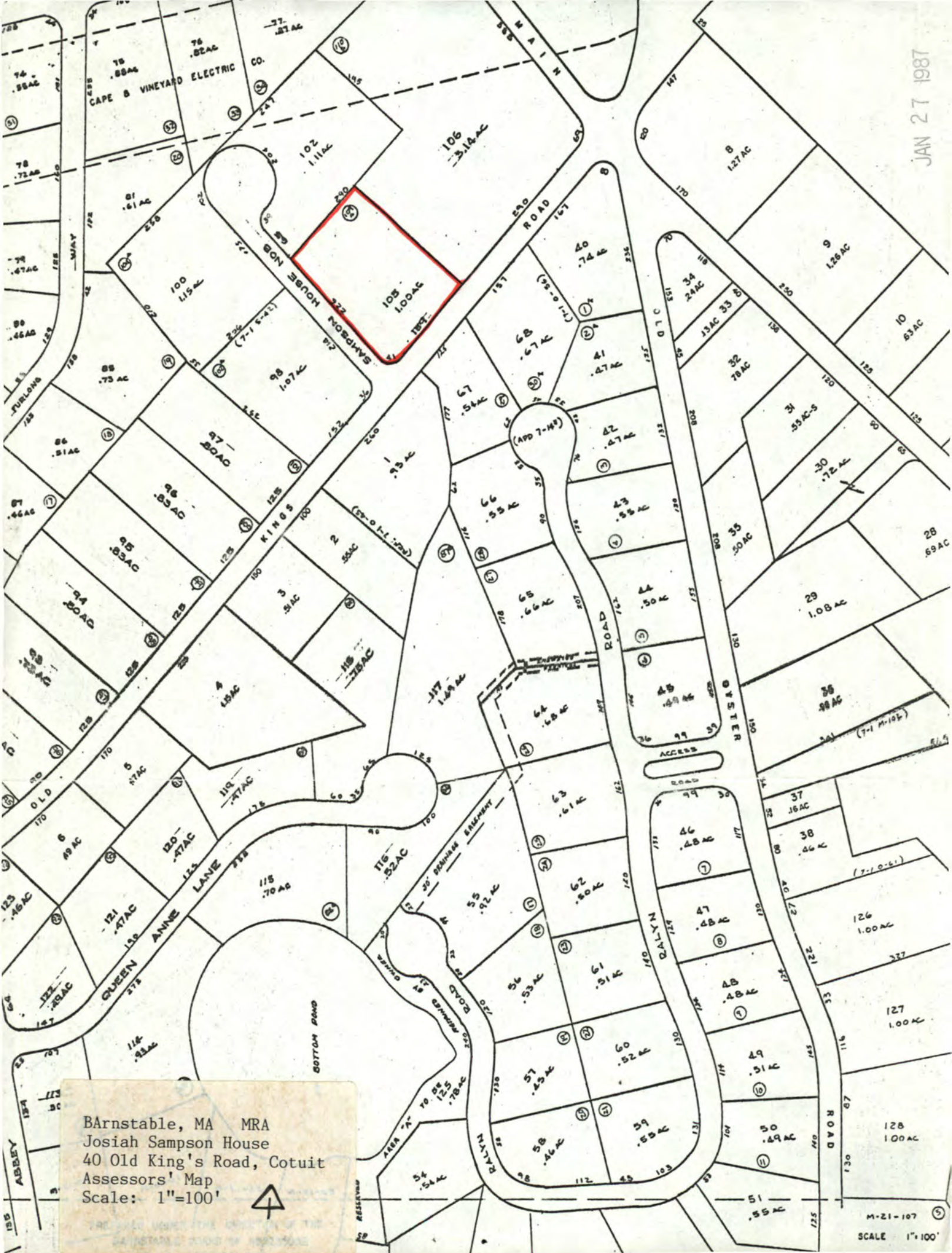
Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Josiah Simpson 1782 CIA12  
40 Old King's Rd. 1980  
Facing NW

MAY 1980

ITS

JAN 27 1987



Barnstable, MA MRA  
 Josiah Sampson House  
 40 Old King's Road, Cotuit  
 Assessors' Map  
 Scale: 1"=100'



M-21-107  
 SCALE 1"=100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271