

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
BVI	315

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 (Hyannis Road)

Address #1606 Hyannis Road, Barnstable

Historic Name Nathaniel Baker House

Use: Present residential

Original homestead

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1721

Source Registry of Deeds, Barn. Cty.

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings Garage, 2 room cottage

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

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

alterations confined to interior

Condition good

see attached assessors' map

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 1.56 acres 298/16-17

Setting residential - located near center of Barnstable Village

UTM REFERENCE 19/391630/4616600

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Nathaniel Baker House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with an early Barnstable family, and as a social document that reflects the declining economic status of that family. It is also important as a vernacular example of an early Georgian dwelling that was later converted to a two family residence. The property 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 Baker House, dating to the early Georgian period, is a full five bay, 2 story house enclosed by a hip roof with center chimney rising behind the ridge. It is L-shaped in plan, with a two story hipped ell extending to the rear on the south side. The house is shingle clad with unadorned trim confined to cornerboards, window and door surrounds; windows contain 6/6 sash. Many original interior features -- paneling, fireplaces, etc. -- remain.

In 1778, deeds record that the house was divided through the "middle of the front door" for use by two owners. Later deeds refer to a dividing line "between the two doors." This may refer to the front and a side entry, or it may indicate that for a period, the house had a double entry.

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

Based on extensive deed research and other sources, it is believed that this house was built c. 1721 by Nathaniel Baker IV (1709-1791) on land left to him by his father Nathaniel Baker III (1679-1750), upon the occasion of his marriage to Widow Mercy Lewis. There is also some indication that it may have been built earlier by Nathaniel III. During this period, and into the 19th century, Hyannis Road was known as Baker's Way because of the extensive landholdings of the Baker family in this area.

In 1778, Nathaniel Baker deeded to his daughters, Anna and Hannah, 3/4 of an acre and 1/2 dwelling house, "for taking care of me and nursing me in my sickness and long confinement for more than three years past..." The deed describes a line through the front door and the middle of the chimney to the "kitchiny" and to include all that part of the dwelling north of said line. Also included was the household furniture except "one pair of looms and my covered sleigh." Nathaniel died in 1791, appointing his sons, Binney and Samuel, as executors. Samuel died soon after his father, with Binney producing an inventory in 1794 that stated there was not enough money to pay the creditors in full, so each received 13/7 on the pound. The house was used as a two family dwelling until 1926.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Oral History: M/M Trento, #1606 Hyannis Road, Barnstable; 9/2/1981.
Telephone interview: Mrs. Geraldine Hill, #1733 Hyannis Road; 9/22/1981.
Telephone interview: Mr. Bruce Jerauld, #1579 Hyannis Road, Barnstable; 9/29/1981
Registry of Deeds, Barnstable County
Registry of Probate, Barnstable County

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received 1-27-87
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

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

Delores Byrum 3/3/87

Attest

22. Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Betty Savage 9/18/87

23. Baxter, Charles L.,
House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/3/87

Attest

24. Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,
House

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

25. Baxter, Shubael, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Betty Savage 9/18/87

26. Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

Attest

Betty Savage 3/13/87

27. Bearse, Capt., Oliver,
House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

28. Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,
House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

29. Blish--Garrett House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

30. Building at 237--239 Main
Street

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Baker, Nathaniel, 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: _____

- 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
----------	---------------------------------	----------------------	-------------

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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 _____

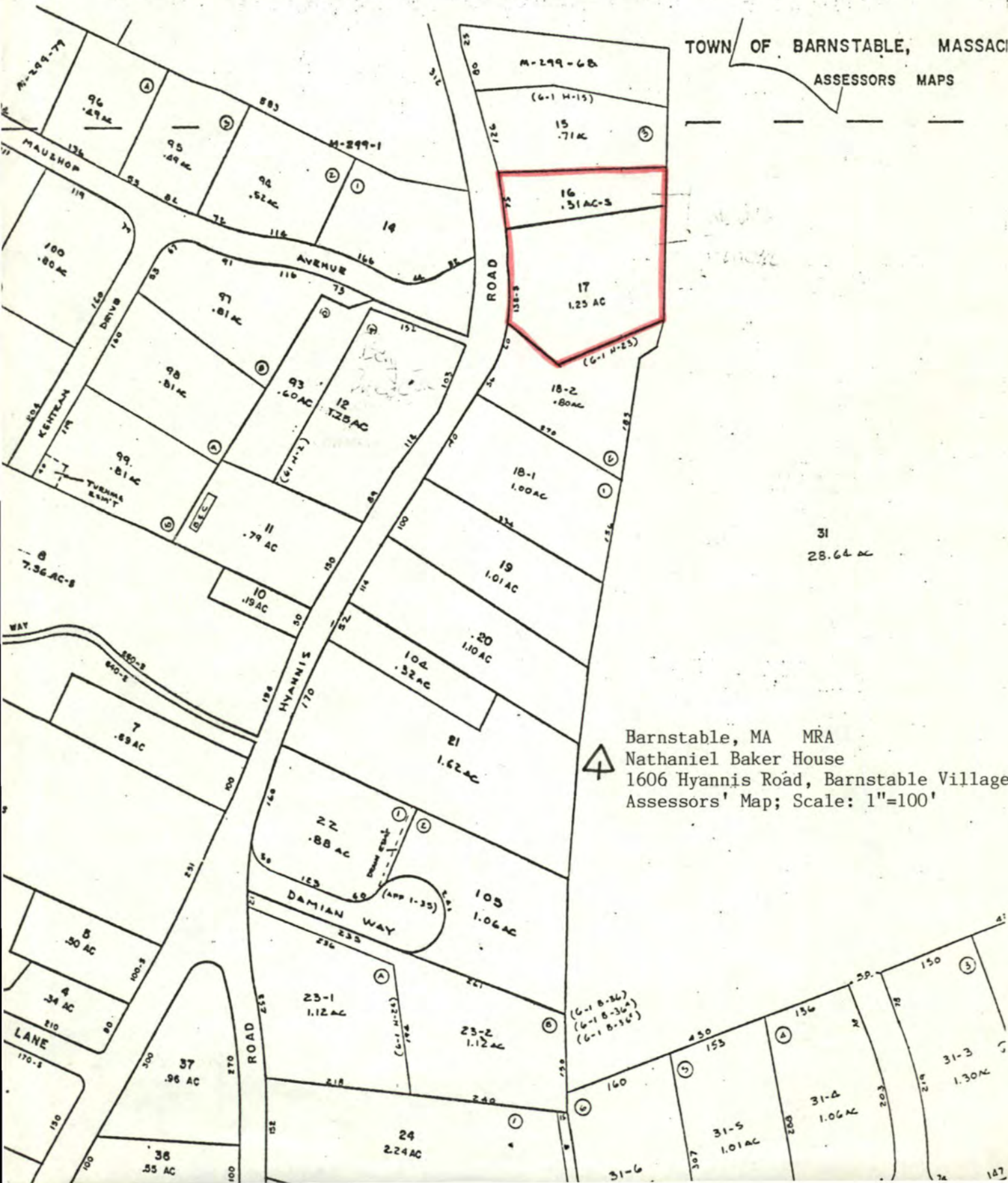
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Barnstable, Mass. **NRCA**

Nathaniel Baker Ltd BV1915
1606 Hyannis Rd. (1980)
Facing E

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS
ASSESSORS MAPS



Barnstable, MA MRA
 Nathaniel Baker House
 1606 Hyannis Road, Barnstable Village
 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