

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interviews, John Kelley, George Harding, Frank Massachi, Art Gould, Peter Thompson March 1977.
 McCuttie; Bill, "Shack a link to beach patrols," Lower Cape Cod Chronicle, July 30, 1970.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY n/a *approximately 30 sq feet*

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

Lebouvie 6/13/79

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & Clair L. Baisly, Chatham Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

28 February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy

Dariusz K. W. Sloski

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

3/23/78

Acting Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles M. ...

DATE 7-21-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Walter ...*

DATE 6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Halfway House is significant as the last remaining of the original twelve halfway houses which were part of the comprehensive lifesaving service on Cape Cod. Halfway houses were placed, as their name implies, midway between life saving stations. Patrols would leave the main station, walk to the halfway house, leave their tag to prove their presence, and return to the station. The tag would be picked up and returned by the next patrol. Patrols were on the lookout for stranded or distressed vessels and sailors. This halfway house was on the inner beach, opposite the Old Harbor Life Saving Station on outer beach. The tag system was later replaced by a private telephone line that ran the length of Cape Cod. This, in turn, was replaced by a key punch system. Such a system employs a key that, when inserted, registers the patrol's time and presence.

Oral tradition maintains that this particular structure was first in use as a Hut of Refuge sponsored by the Massachusetts Humane Society. Such huts contained food, clothing and blankets to aid shipwrecked sailors. This service of the Humane Society was replaced in 1872 by the Life Saving Service. The Life Saving Service developed the system of stations and halfway houses. The Coast Guard took over the service in 1915. When the Coast Guard abandoned foot patrols after World War II, this house was used for storage. It later passed into private ownership and has been used in conjunction with a boat rental service and as a gathering spot for retired Coast Guard men.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1920, 1944</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chatham Halfway House is located beyond the foot of Andrew Harding Lane on the beach at Pleasant Bay. Pleasant Bay and the Chatham Harbor are created by Nauset Beach, a sand bar/peninsula parallel to the mainland. The beach on Pleasant Bay is known as the "inner beach" and Nauset Beach is referred to as the "outer beach."

The Halfway House is a small structure about five foot square with a simple ridge roof. The body is sheathed in wooden shingles and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An off center, vertical sheathed doorway, stovepipe and simple cornerboards and cornice molding complete the structure.

The structure has been moved at least twice; each time the move was necessitated by the relentless ongoing growth of Nauset (outer) Beach. About 1920, the Coast Guard moved the house about half a mile south of its location opposite the Old Harbor Life Saving Station because it no longer had a view of the open sea. In 1944 it was moved again, one thousand feet south of its site at the foot of Holway Street to its present location.

The Halfway House was reshingled in 1930 and again in 1975.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Half Way House
AND/OR COMMON same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER off Andrew Harding's Lane
CITY, TOWN Chatham
STATE Massachusetts VICINITY OF CODE 025 COUNTY Barnstable CODE 001 ✓
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12th

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Gordon Baker
STREET & NUMBER Box 104
CITY, TOWN South Chatham VICINITY OF STATE Massachusetts 02059

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Barnstable County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER Barnstable Complex, Route 6A
CITY, TOWN Barnstable STATE Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts

Property Half Way House

State Mass.

Working Number 4.3.78.2816

Barnstable

TECHNICAL

Photos /
Maps /

~~Accept~~
Signature?

CONTROL

OK-4.4.78

*Last of original twelve halfway houses of
Cape Cod's lifesaving service in which patrols
looked for stranded or distressed sailors or vessels
necessary before telephone lines installed*

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
6.1.78

Moved 1920 + 1944

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

locally significant

Accept
Baraban
5.15.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Joe Oshunt 6.13.78 - Average is less than
ten, less than one. Probably about 30 sq. ft.
HF 6.13.78*

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Moves caused by eroding
seashore

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

see Lucy's statement of significance

Accept
Leboniel
6/13/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered JUL 21 1978

Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Half Way House
Chatham, MA.
1977

Clair Baisly
Chatham Historical Commission
Town Offices
Chatham, MA.

JUL 21 1978

Barnstable County.

APR 3 1978

Photo #1 *21*

Looking north towards the house

Clair Baisly
Chat. Hist. Comm.
#1 enlargement
S.W. corner
Andrew Hardings Lane
about 1000 feet off N.W.
corner

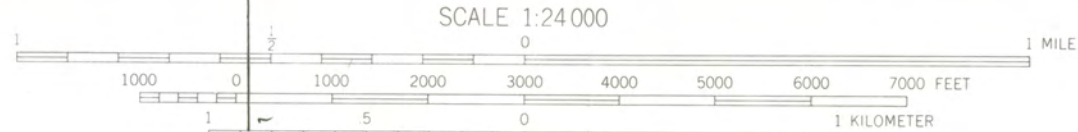
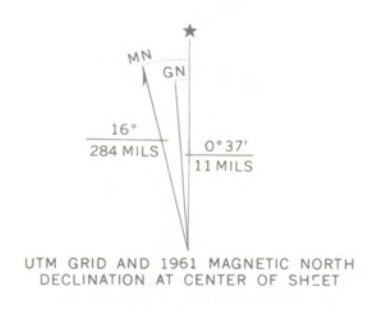
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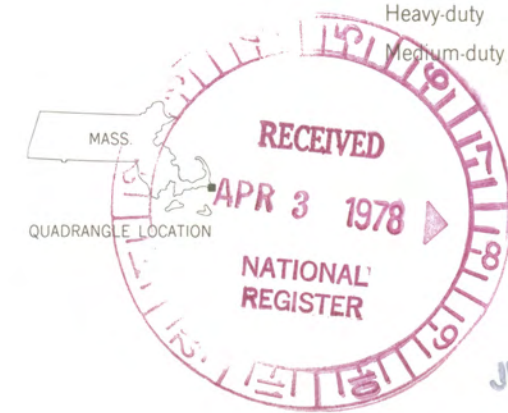
Half Way House
Chatham, MA.
UTM Reference:
19/421110/4613820

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Topography by planetable surveys 1940, Revised 1961
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts
257 (1960) and 270 (1962). This information is not
intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



SCALE 1:24000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 6.7 FEET IN
ATLANTIC OCEAN AND 3.9 FEET IN NANTUCKET SOUND



CHATHAM, MASS.
N4137.5—W6952.5/7.5
1961

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

JUL 21 1978
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 21 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Half Way House	Chatham Barnstable County
First Parish Church	Duxbury vicinity Plymouth County
Capron House	Attleboro Bristol County
Newell Farm	West Newbury Essex County
Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Hawthorne Class Studio	Provincetown Barnstable County
Thayer Public Library	Braintree Norfolk County

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

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Honorable James A. Burke

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski

Executive Director, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

294 Washington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: Half Way House		② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: JUL 21 1978		④ county code: 01	
⑤ LOCATION street & number Andrew Hardings Lane		city / town Chatham		vicinity of		state MA	
				county Barnstable		⑥ NPS REGION: NA	
⑦ OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)						⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:	
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㉖ architectural style(s):		㉗ architect:		㉘ master builder:		㉙ engineer:	
㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉛ interior decorator:		㉜ artist:		㉝ artisan:	
㉞ builder/contractor:		㉟ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:					
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