

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Massachusetts
COUNTY:	Barnstable
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Kennedy Compound

AND/OR HISTORIC:
(Homes of Joseph P., John F., and Robert F. Kennedy)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Irving and Marchant Avenues

CITY OR TOWN:
Hyannis Port

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
12th

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25 COUNTY: Barnstable CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Rose Kennedy, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Mrs. Jacqueline K. Onassis

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 447 (Mrs. Rose Kennedy)

CITY OR TOWN:
Hyannis Port

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Barnstable Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Barnstable

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kennedy Compound consists of approximately six acres of waterfront property on Nantucket Sound containing the residences of Joseph P. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and John F. Kennedy. All are white frame clapboarded structures typical of vacation homes on Cape Cod. The Joseph P. Kennedy home is the largest and most impressive of the three, commanding sweeping views of the ocean from its long, shaded porches and surrounded by well-tended lawns and gardens. On the main floor are a living room, dining room, sun room, television room, sports room, the "President's Bedroom" (which President Kennedy used before buying the Irving Avenue home), and assorted kitchen, pantry, and utility rooms. On the second floor are six bedrooms, a sewing room, packing room, den, and four servants' bedrooms. There is a full attic and a full basement. In the latter is a motion picture theater and sauna. On the grounds, in addition to gardens, are a swimming pool (now enclosed), tennis court, and four-car garage. This house has been little changed, either structurally or in furnishings, since the President's association with it. Immediately adjacent to the Joseph P. Kennedy home stands the Robert F. Kennedy home, a more modest but nonetheless spacious structure of two stories; and behind it, fronting on Irving Avenue, the still more modest John F. Kennedy residence.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The reputation of the Kennedy Compound at Hyannis Port is known to virtually all Americans of political consciousness during the early 1960s. It was the home base of John F. Kennedy during his campaign for the presidency in 1960 and served as the Summer White House in 1961. Pierre Salinger in his book With Kennedy (1966) wrote, "Of all the places the President went to rest, his favorite was his house at Hyannis Port." Presidential security and privacy proved difficult in its neighborhood of relatively close vacation houses, however, and President Kennedy's subsequent summer stays were in homes on nearby Squaw Island.

The Kennedy Compound also illustrates the earlier years of John Kennedy and the significant family of which he was a part. His parents first rented their Hyannis Port cottage in 1926. After three seasons in residence with his family, Joseph P. Kennedy bought the property in 1929 and greatly enlarged the house (constructed in 1904). It was in and around this house that the Kennedy children spent their summers, learning to sail and engaging in the other competitive activities encouraged by their ambitious, hard-driving father.

After his marriage, John Kennedy in 1956 bought a smaller summer house of his own close by on Irving Avenue. Robert Kennedy acquired a house adjoining his brother's property to the north and his father's to the east. The three properties together comprise the famous Compound.

The most significant of the three houses is the Joseph P. Kennedy home, for it was the center of family activity for most of the summers between 1926 and 1963, the year of the President's assassination. The other two houses, however, lend added significance and distinction to a property prominent in the public consciousness and in the political history of the 1950s and 1960s as the Kennedy Compound. While recognizing the Joseph P. Kennedy home as the central feature, therefore, the entire Kennedy Compound merits definition as a single historic property.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Leo Damore, The Cape Cod Years of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 1967.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 37' 49"	70° 18' 12"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Six

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Barry Mackintosh, Staff Historian, Division of History

ORGANIZATION: Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, DATE: 9/8/72
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of the Interior

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 001

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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