

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

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, MA, MRA	
<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
HYF	141

Town Barnstable (Hyannis - Main St. E)

Address 156 Main St.

Historic Name Captain Sylvester Baxter
House

Use: Present Inn
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1855

Source assessor's records; Barnstable
Patriot

Style Italian Villa

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings rental cottages

Major Alterations (with dates) loss of
original porch, flanking oriels and second
story central oriel window

Condition fair-good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage .52 327/176

Setting east end of Main Street
commercial district - north side of
street

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986
Photo #14-33-F141

UTM REFERENCE 19/393620/4612080

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Captain Sylvester Baxter House possesses integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as the home of a prominent citizen and sea captain, and as a fine example of the Italianate style. It 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 Captain Sylvester Baxter House is the most fully developed example of the Italianate style in Barnstable, a town noted for numerous good examples of that style. Square in plan, it rises 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ stories to a gable roof interrupted by a facade gable and a central belvedere. It is faced with a mastic to appear as stone and is trimmed with brackets in the gables and stilted segmental arches over the windows. Its facade has unfortunately lost several key features, including its front porch which spanned the distance between two flanking oriel windows, and a second story oriel above the central entry with double lead door. Nevertheless, it remains a handsome example of the style.

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

Captain Sylvester Baxter (1800-1861) was the younger brother of Captain Alexander Baxter, sometimes referred to as the father of Hyannis. Although somewhat eclipsed by his brother, Sylvester's wealth was valued at \$16,864.90 at his death, and he had served in several public positions in addition to his career as a deep water captain. He was the First Worshipful Master of the Fraternal Lodge of Masons after its reorganization in 1851, and he was elected State Senator in 1854, serving for two years. Later, he was elected Deputy Inspector and Collector of the Port of Hyannis.

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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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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 21. Baker, Nathaniel, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/3/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 22. Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 9/18/87</u> |
| 23. Baxter, Charles L.,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/3/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 24. Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/3/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 25. Baxter, Shubael, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 9/18/87</u> |
| 26. Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 3/13/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 3/13/87</u> |
| 27. Bearse, Capt., Oliver,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/13/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 28. Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/13/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 29. Blish--Garrett House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/13/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 30. Building at 237--239 Main
Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3/13/87</u> |
| | | Attest | |

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Baxter, Capt. Sylvester, House (Barnstable
MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

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:

*Outstanding local example of
Italianate Style built
occupied by locally notable
sea captain Sylvester Baxter who
served the town in many
capacities.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C, B
Reviewer George
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 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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair
- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ 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

Capt. Sylvester Baxter H&A HYF741
156 Main St. 1977
Facing N

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271