

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Barnstable, MA MRA

| AREA | FORM NO. |
|------|----------|
| WBC  | 114      |

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

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable)

Address 313 High Street

Historic Name Barzillai Weeks House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling/farm

DESCRIPTION

Date 1799

Source Registry of Deeds, descendants

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings barn

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 1.84 acres 111/44

Setting residential on crown of Scorton Hill

UTM REFERENCE 19/383560/4619500

USGS QUADRANGLE Sandwich, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Martin Wirtinen  
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

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

The Barzillai Weeks House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant for its long term (150 years) associations with a well-known local family, for its associations with West Barnstable's agricultural history, and as a fine and well-preserved example of a Federal period Cape cottage that also preserves a barn. The property thus meets criteria A, 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 Weeks House is a typical full five bay, 1 and 1/2 story cottage of the Federal period. Its symmetrical facade is centered around an entry with five-pane transom and simple surround. Windows also have simple frames and contain 12/12 sash. The wood shingle clad house sits on a low stone foundation and is enclosed by a gable roof with large central chimney. It is extended by a one story rear ell. An old barn also remains on the property.

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

The Weeks family owned this property on the southwest side of Scorton Hill in West Barnstable for one hundred and fifty years, from 1795-1956. The tract of 35 acres is believed to have previously belonged to Captain John and Mary Percival, where their famous son, Captain "Mad Jack" John Percival (1779-1862) was born. Trayser devotes seven pages to his life and exploits in his 1939 history of Barnstable. The old deed of purchase from Barzilla Weeks of the property by his son John describes the 35 acre tract as having the Widow Percival's land in the middle of it. The house is on the southside of High Street which was also called the Post Road and was also a route used by the stage coaches and travelers; over the town line in East Sandwich it becomes the Old County Road. Barzillai Weeks was born in 1769 and married Mathilda Tobey in 1794. They had four children- John born 1796, Eleazar born 1798, Alvin born 1802, and Ezra born 1807.

### **PREVIOUS OWNERS**

1979- Dempsey E. and Susan S. Lott from George Sutton  
1975- George Sutton from Frank B. Fay  
1956- Frank B. Fay from Alfred G. Weeks  
1906- Alfred G. Weeks by will of George Hervey Weeks, his father  
1881- George H. Weeks from Eleazer Weeks his father  
1833- Eleazer Weeks, mariner from John Weeks, his brother  
1833- John Weeks from Barzillai Weeks, his father. Homestead on Scorton Hill

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

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds and Probate.  
Barnstable County Atlases. 1858, 1880, 1907.  
Trayser, Donald G. Barnstable, Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town. 1939.  
Otis, Amos. Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families. 1888.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Barnstable MRA  
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. Smith, Matthias, House

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

for Keeper

Alvin Byers 3-13-87

Attest

82. Town Line Boundary Marker  
(Great Hill Rd.)~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/8783. Town Line Boundary Marker  
(410 High St.)~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/8784. Town Boundary Marker  
(Race Lane at Sandwich  
town line)~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

85. Weeks, Barzillai, House

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~~National Register~~

for Keeper

Alvin Byers 3-13-87

Attest

86. Whitman, Josiah B., House

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~~National Register~~

for Keeper

Alvin Byers 3-13-87

Attest

87. Baker, Benjamin Jr.,  
House~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 11/10/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 11/10/87

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Weeks, Barzillai, House (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entered in the  
National Register

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          | 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"/> unaltered        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
|                                    |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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### 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

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### 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

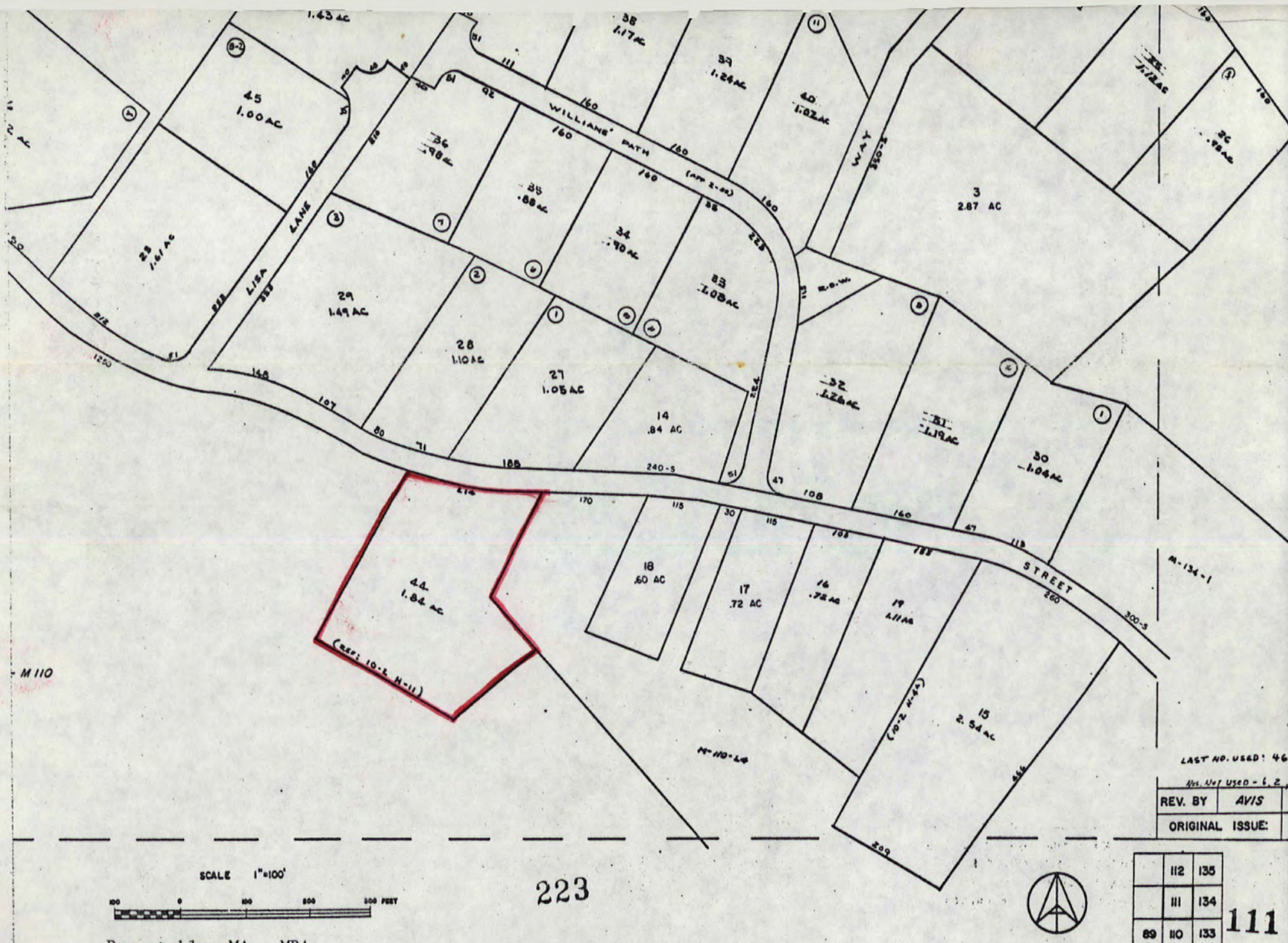
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Barzillai Weeks House WBC 114  
313 High St. (1975)  
Facing SW





SCALE 1"=100'

0 100 200 300 FEET

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Barnstable, MA MRA  
 Barzillai Weeks House, 313 High St., West Barnstable  
 Assessors' Map

LAST NO. USED: 46  
 No. Not Used - 6, 2  
 REV. BY AV/S  
 ORIGINAL ISSUE:

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| 112 | 135 |
| 111 | 134 |
| 89  | 110 |
| 133 |     |

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271