

AREA	FORM NO.
WBC	89

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Barnstable (West Barnstable-West)

Address 449 Willow Street

Historic Name Adams, Crocker, Fish House

Use: Present Residential/private
Hugh F. and Susan J. Sweeney
 Original Residence/Farm
Abraham Adams

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1830

Source Registry of Deeds - Barn. Cty.

Style Greek Revival
Half Cape, story and a half

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric light green clapboard
and shingles

Outbuildings one garage, four utility
buildings

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved yes Date after 1858

Acreage 98 acres 130/5

Setting Residential

Recorded by Martin Wirtanen
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

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 map

UTM REFERENCE 19/384400 /4617400

USGS QUADRANGLE Sandwich, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Adams/Crocker/Fish House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a rare example of a surviving small, vernacular farmstead characterized by a half-cape house with numerous, close set out-buildings. The farmstead thus meets criterion 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 house has a wing off the corner of the south gable end, an ell off the west facade. The chimney is through the peak at the south end. The roof is shallow pitched with a dormer on the east slope. The door is on the left side of the east facade of the house and the wing also has a door on the east facade. The windows are small pane 12/12 lite and the house has a low stone foundation. It is an excellent and intact example of a vernacular Greek Revival Cottage, many of whose outbuildings remain as well.

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

In 1887 Charles H. Fish bought a piece of cleared land together with dwelling house, woodshed and other buildings from his grandfather, Isaac Fish who kept a life estate. In 1856 Isaac Fish bought land and a dwelling house from Mercy Crocker. She had been willed the property of a dwelling house, a barn and two acres of land adjacent to the house by the will of her husband Lemuel Crocker in 1848. Lemuel Crocker had purchased the property from John A. Blossom in 1832 and it was part of the homestead estate formerly owned and occupied by the late Obadiah Adams. John A. Blossom had purchased all the real and personal estate of Obadiah Adams in 1831. Local tradition, as related by a member of the Henry Johnson family asserts that "the house was moved from a location near the intersection of Crooked Cartway and Willow Street where it went toward Mystic Lake and South Sandwich." A house owned by Isaac Fish is shown at that location on the 1858 map. The midcape highway now runs through the area.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Barnstable County Atlases. 1858, 1880, 1907.
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Otis, Amos. Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families. 1880.

PREVIOUS OWNERS

1972 - Hugh F. and Susan J. Sweeny from John M. and Dianne J. Buck
1970 - John M. and Dianne J. Buck from Margaret D. Smith
1964 - Margaret D. Smith from executor of the Rosa M. Johnson estate, who was Gerald O. Cash
1954 - Rosa M. Johnson by will of Henry Johnson, her husband. They had a large family of 17 children
1912 - Henry and Rosa M. Johnson from Olaf A. P. Ingmanson
1903 - Olaf A. P. Ingmanson from Charles H. Fish

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable West Barnstable	Form No: WBC 89
Property Name: Adams, Crocker, Fish House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

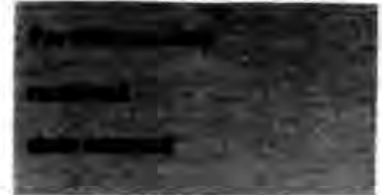
Previous owners (cont)

- 1887 - Charles H. Fish from his grandfather, Isaac Fish
- 1856 - Isaac Fish from Mercy Crocker
- 1848 - Mercy Crocker by will of Lemuel Crocker, her husband
- 1832 - Lemuel Crocker from John A. Blossom
- 1831 - John A. Blossom from Obadiah Adams

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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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| 11. Municipal Group Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 11/10/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u> |
| 12. Old King's Highway Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 3/12/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 3/12/87</u> |
| 13. Pleasant--School Street Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 11/10/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u> |
| 14. Santuit Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 11/10/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u> |
| 15. Sandy Neck Cultural Resources District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>John J. Knowlton 5-1-87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>4/13/87</u> |
| 16. West Barnstable Village--Meetinghouse Way Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 11/10/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u> |
| 17. Wianno Historic District | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 11/10/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u> |
| 18. Adams--Crocker--Fish House | Reviewed in the National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3-13-87</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 19. Ames, Josiah A., House | Substantive Review <i>for</i> | Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrus 9/18/87</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Beth L. Savage 9/18/87</u> |
| 20. Ancient Burying Ground | Reviewed in the National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byrum 3-13-87</u> |
| | | Attest | |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Adams—Crocker—Fish House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 3/30/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ACCEPT 3-13-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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: _____



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Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Adams/Crocher/Fish HSC WBC89

449 Willow St. (1985)

Main hoods Outbuildings

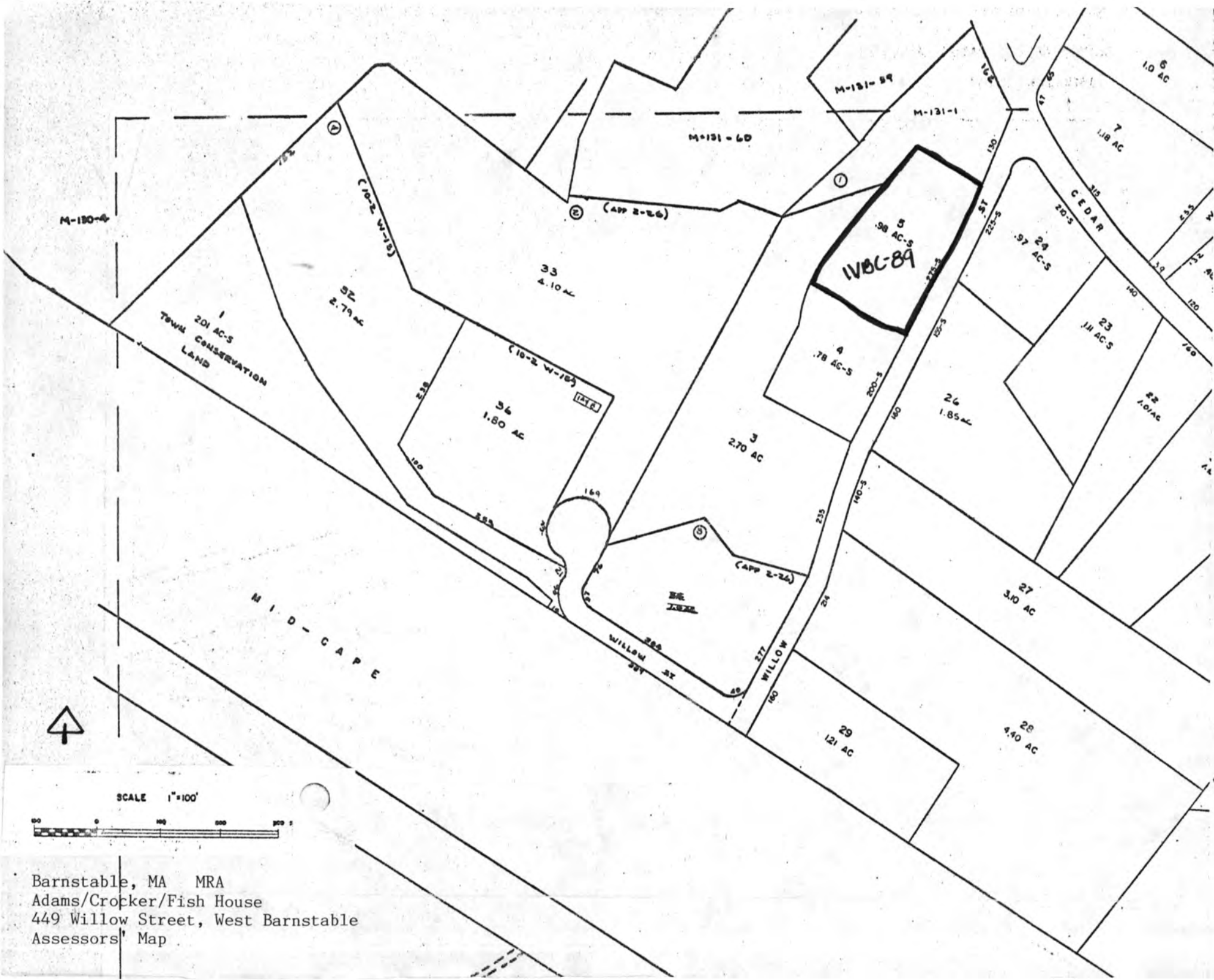


Barnstable, Mass. MRA

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449 Willow St. (1985)

Main house



Barnstable, MA MRA
 Adams/Crocker/Fish House
 449 Willow Street, West Barnstable
 Assessors' Map

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271