

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	109

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Town Rehoboth

Address 2 Anawan Street

Historic Name Briggs Tavern

Use: Present residence

Original residence/tavern

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1780

Source architectural detail

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings 20th century garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

side ell added, 19th century;

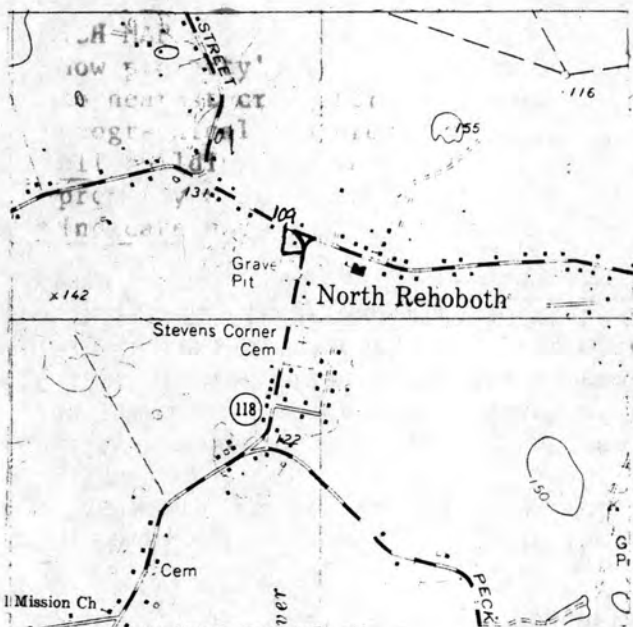
entrance surround altered 1930s(?)

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 2

Setting 40 feet from street at "T"

intersection; open rural context



UTM: 19/315920/4641250

Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy, III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Rehoboth's only known surviving commercial building of the Federal period and its most intact and sophisticated example of a small number of well-developed center hall, double internal chimney plan houses is the Briggs Tavern. The Tavern occupies a prominent location at the intersection of Anawan Street and Tremont Street, two early transportation routes, and is notable for the preservation of its well-crafted interior and exterior details: splayed window lintels (rare in Rehoboth), panelled chimney breasts, chairrails and cornice trim. In addition,
(Continued)

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

Built in a period when settlement was increasing in this area of northern Rehoboth and sited at a major intersection of two primary roads known as Stevens Corner, Briggs Tavern reflects the development of the community in the late 18th through 19th centuries. Individually, it meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places and with additional documentation may be shown to meet criteria A and/or B.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 109
Property Name: Briggs Tavern	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

the construction of its chimney bases is unusual, composed of four wooden posts supporting a wooden crib superstructure; chimney bases in Rehoboth are more commonly parallel rectangular fieldstone piers or the ground surface.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Bruce Van Duzee 6/6/83

12. Briggs Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

13. Carpenter Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8314. Carpenter, Christopher,
House (60 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8315. Carpenter House
(89 Carpenter St.)Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/8316. Carpenter, Col. Thomas, III,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

17. { Cushing, Caleb, Farm

Combined

Keeper

Attest

18. { Cushing ^{CALEB,} House and FARMEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

19. Drown, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

20. Elm Cottage/Blanding Farm

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Briggs Tavern (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECTEntered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Rehobeth

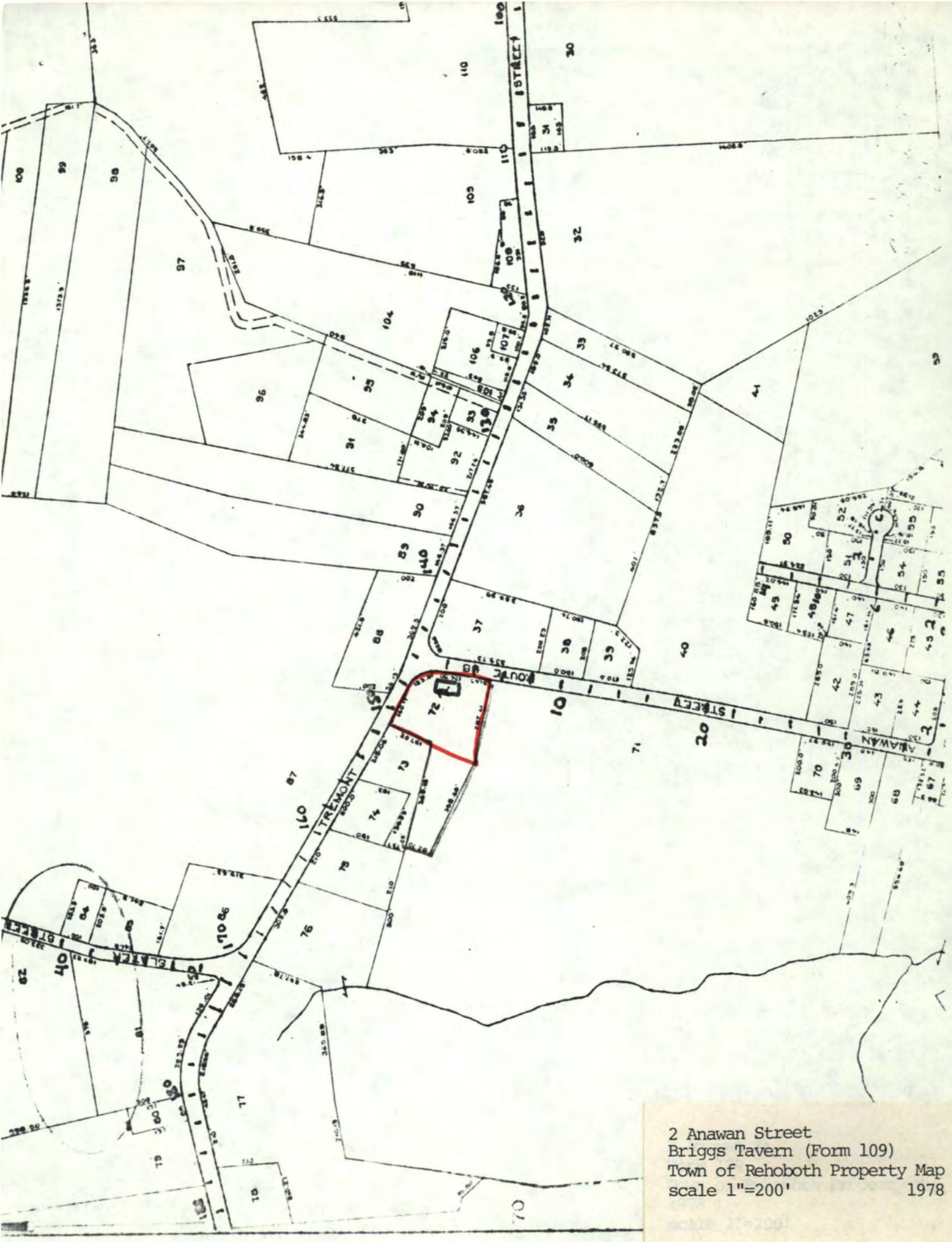
Briggs Tavern
Rehobeth MRA, Ma

Corner Anawan & Tremont

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2 Anawan Street
Briggs Tavern (Form 109)
Town of Rehoboth Property Map
scale 1"=200' 1978

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292