

FORM A - AREA

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Barnstable (Hyannis)

of Area (if any) Municipal Group

Historic District

nt Use town hall, offices, library

al Date or Period c1800, 1897, 1926

al Condition good to excellent

ge 8.25

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

JAN 27 1987

area indicating properties within it.
Number each property for which individual
inventory forms have been completed.
Label streets including route numbers, if
any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate
sheet if space here is not sufficient).

see attached assessors' map

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in municipal use, but varying in date, style and material. It also includes
an important landscape now used as the town green.

UTM REFERENCE A 19 | 392 950 | 4611720
B 19 | 393 040 | 4611570
C 19 | 393 720 | 4611630
D 19 | 393 160 | 4611770

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA
SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Municipal Group Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with Hyannis' early 19th century development, for its late 19th and early 20th century connections with the Hyannis Normal School, and for its 20th century associations with town government. It is also important for the variety and quality of its architecture. Thus the Municipal Group Historic District 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 areas within the community.

Located in the center of downtown Hyannis on a large parcel between Main and South Streets, the Municipal Group is made up of buildings of varied history, date, construction materials, and style. They were united as the municipal group in the 1970s. Included are the library (c1800) and Old Town Hall (1926) facing directly onto Main Street, the two remaining buildings of the former Hyannis Normal School which are set back from Main Street on a landscaped green, and a barn facing South Street and separated from the other buildings by a large asphalt parking lot. The individual buildings that make up the district are described below:

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (Hyannis)	Form No: HYA
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (Hyannis)	Form No: HYE
Property Name: Municipal Group Historic District	

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Architectural Significance (cont)

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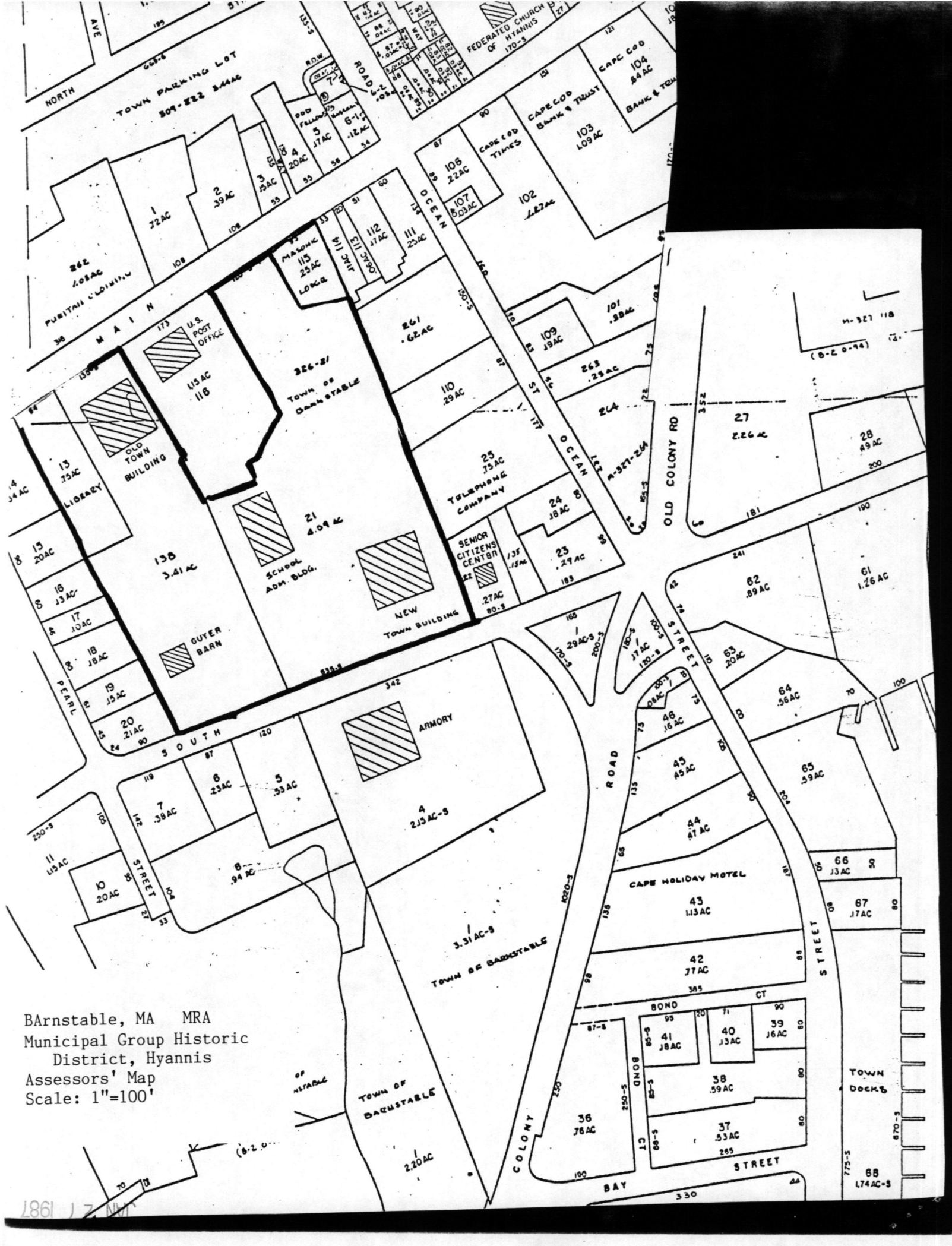
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Barnstable, MA MRA
Municipal Group Historic
District, Hyannis
Assessors' Map
Scale: 1"=100'



1861

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Municipal Group Historic District (Barnstable
MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Substantive Review

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 3-13-87
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*See comments for
MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Savall
Discipline Architectural 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	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	
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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 Patrick Andrews Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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see attached assessors' map

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UTM REFERENCE

A	19	392950	4611720
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SCALE

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Municipal Group Historic District (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. 1/27/87
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 11/21/87
Action: ACCEPT 11-10-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Significant grouping of 18th, 19th & 20th century buildings which played various historical roles in the community's development. Initial return comments have been addressed.

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 11/10/87
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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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- summary paragraph
- completeness
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- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

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- summary paragraph
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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: _____



DRA ADAMS HICKLES
MEMORIAL

LIBRARY 1900-1902

WILSON
PARK
LIBRARY

Barnstable, Mass, MRA

Municipal Group HD Area HVE
Main & South Streets 1985
Library

AUG 1986



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1926

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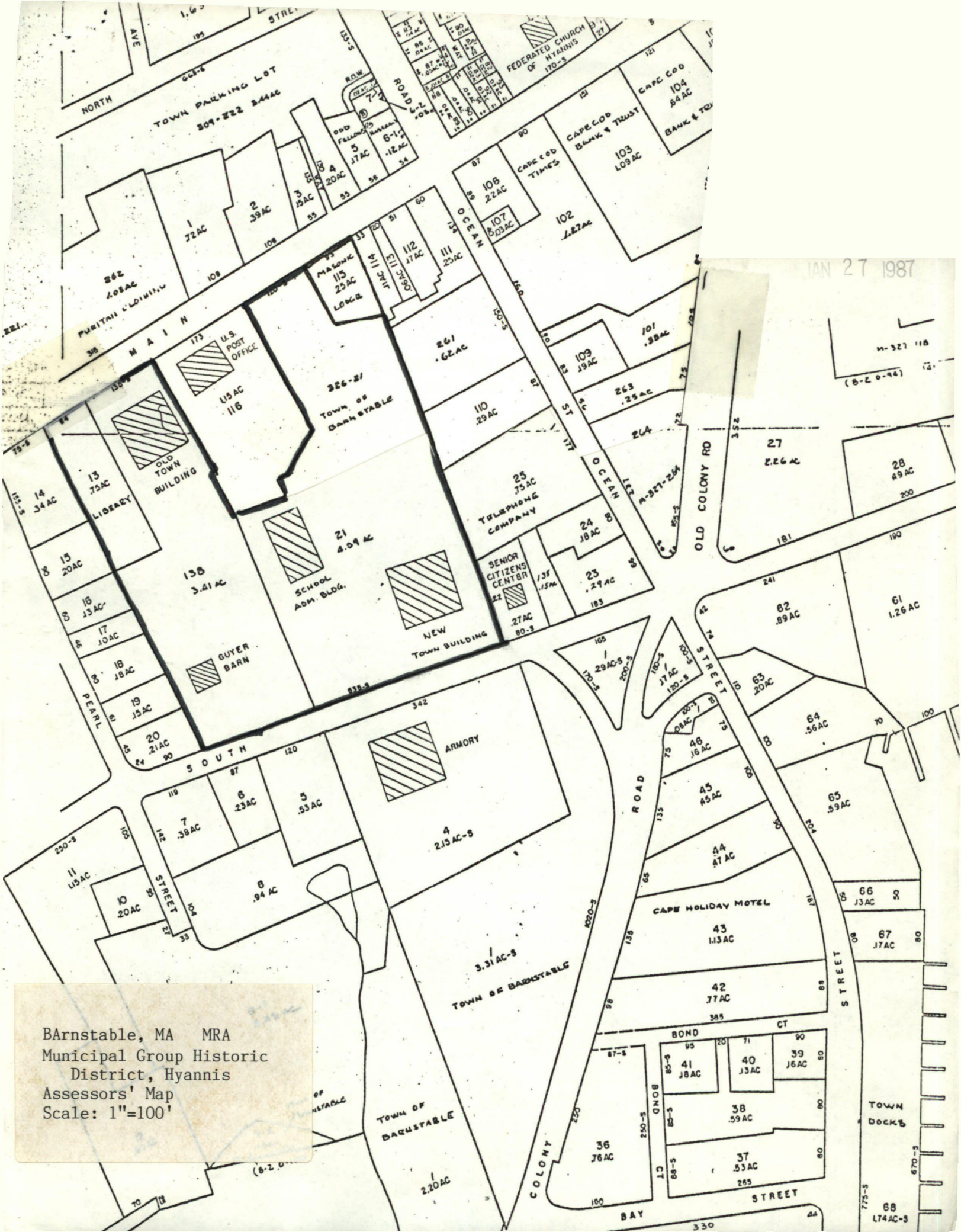
Municipal Group HD Area HVE
Main & South Streets 1985
"Old" Town Hall



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Municipal Group Lt. D. AREA
Main and South Streets
former Normal School 1985

JAN 27 1987



Barnstable, MA MRA
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 District, Hyannis
 Assessors' Map
 Scale: 1"=100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271