

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, MA MRA
AREA FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

HYF 146



Location Barnstable (Hyannis-Main St. East)

Address 35 Main Street

Historic Name Capt. Seth Baker, Jr. Hse.

Present Use offices

Original Use residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1850

Source style; atlas

Style transitional Federal/Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage .18 342/32

Setting east end of Main Street

commercial area-south side of street

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

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

GRID REFERENCE 19/394020/4612170

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Captain Seth Baker, Jr. House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant for its associations with various members of the Baker family and as a well preserved example of a traditional, vernacular building form. The survival of such humble residential forms, especially in a commercial area, is rare, and serves to illustrate the evolution of that area. The Baker House 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 their buildings within the community.

The Capt. Seth Baker House is a simple vernacular form of the early to mid-19th century, recognizable by its 1 1/2 story height, five bay facade, central chimney and entry, and relatively low pitch of the gable roof with knee wall leaving a large space between windows and cornice. This example is also extended by a rear lean-to and ell. The facade is centered around the entry which reflects the federal period with its tall frieze and thin projecting cornice. Windows are simple enframed and contain 6/6 sash. The mid century date of the house is revealed primarily in the height of its interior spaces as indicated by the distance between windows and cornice. The survival of this simple house on the Main St./Rte. 28 corridor is remarkable.

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

Capt. Seth Baker, Jr. was a deep water captain. He married Sophia Lovell in 1822 and took her for a trip to Jamaica for their honeymoon. Their grandson was Walter D. Baker, whose wife started the Colonial Candle Co. (HYF-134). The humble aspect of Baker's house seems to indicate a wide discrepancy in social/economic status among sea captains.

BLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Atlas, 1858, 1880, 1907
Cayser, Donald. Barnstable, Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town. 1939.

Criteria B
87000299

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. JAN 27 1987
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 general review
comments for MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Savage
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	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

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
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- 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 Patrick Andrews Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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SEP 18 1987

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Baker, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

22. Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

23. Baxter, Charles L.,
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

24. Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,
House

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National Register

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Attest

25. Baxter, Shubael, House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

26. Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 3/13/87

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27. Bearse, Capt., Oliver,
House

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Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

28. Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,
House

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Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

29. Blish--Garrett House

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National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

30. Building at 237--239 Main
Street

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National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

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 RETURN
 REJECT
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Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Representative mid-19th century vernacular house type associated w/ prominent members of Baker family. Its humble attributes and vernacular character are indicative of the broad range of wealth associated w/ sea captains, a

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 9/18/87

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below group significant in the town's historical development.
 substantive reasons discussed below

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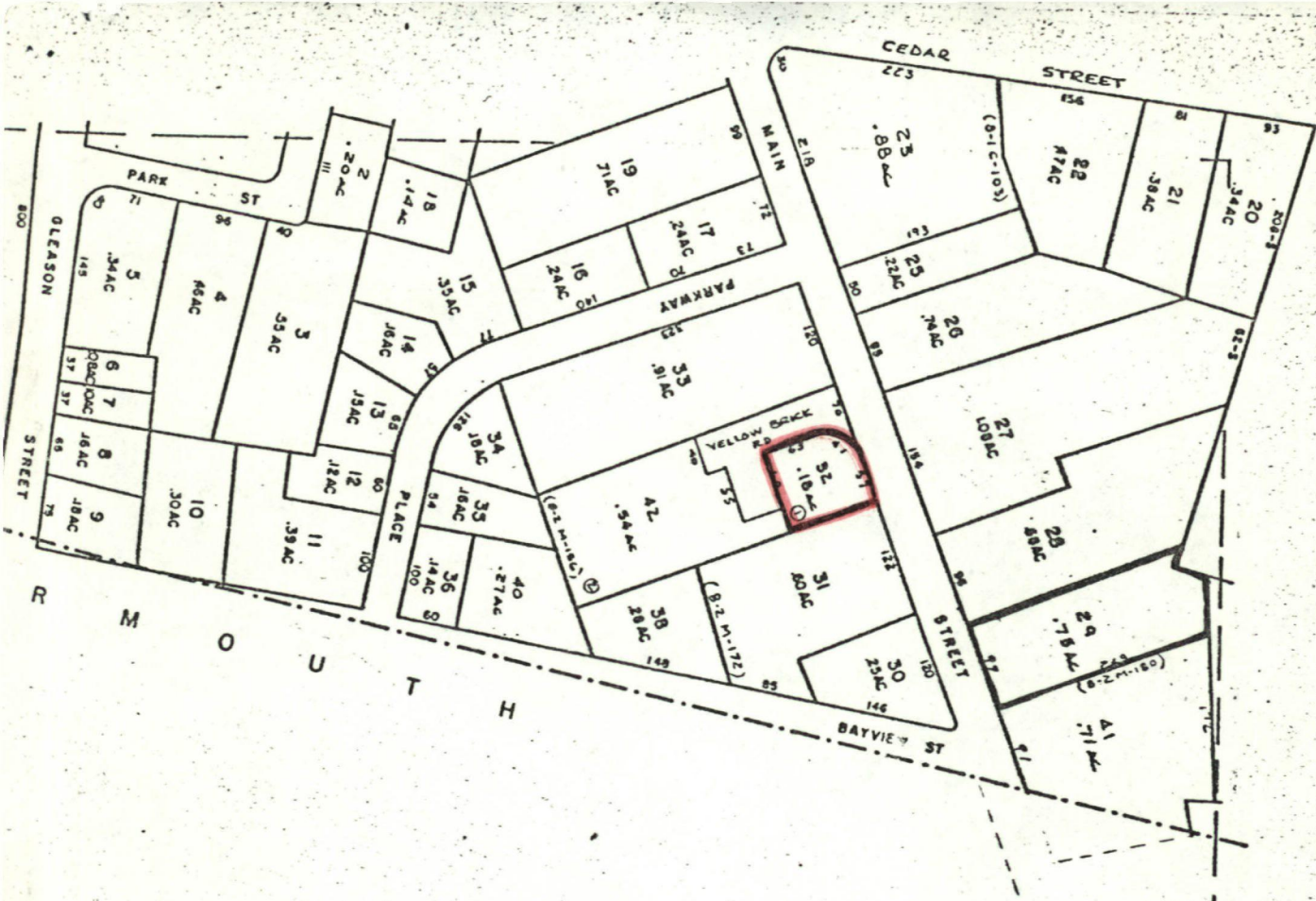
Capt. Seth Baker, Jr. Lt. HYF146
35 Main St. 1985
facing SE

AUG 1986

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TOWN OF BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS
ASSESSORS MAPS

Barnstable, MA MRA
Capt. Seth Baker, Jr. House
35 Main St., 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