

FORM B - BUILDING

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
WBA	21

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Barnstable ( West Barnstable-East)

Address #350 Plum Street, West Barnstable

Historic Name Blish - Garret Home

Use: Present residence

Original farm

DESCRIPTION

Date pre 1809 c1760

Source Registry of Deeds-Barnstable County

Style Georgian Cape Cod 1/2 house (story and a half)

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles

Outbuildings Guest House

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

none

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

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Setting Residential

Recorded by Martin Wirtanen  
Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

Phtot #41-13A-A21

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/387180/466550

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The Blish-Garret House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a reflection of Barnstable's early agricultural history, and as an intact vernacular example of a Georgian period half-Cape. The property thus meets criteria A 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.**

This Cape Cod half house, story and a half, appears to have been built in the Georgian period. The small central chimney is off center almost in line with the front door which is on one end of the west facade. The house and window trim are plain. The windows were built up to the roof eave and are small pane 12/12. A small ell on the south gable end and a larger ell extending from the east facade were added later. The house has a low roof pitch and a low stone foundation. The door appears to have a plain four or five light transom.

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

Garretts Pond was named after Andrew Garrett who lived here and owned the property from 1809 to 1835. The first known owner was Joseph Blish. The property extends to the shore of Garrets Pond and was used by the owners and villagers for the annual washing of sheep from colonial times to the 1800s. The families that lived here raised livestock and farmed the property.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Trayser, Donald G., Barnstable: Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town, 1939  
Barnstable County Atlas 1858, 1880, 1907  
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Registry of Probate - Barnstable County

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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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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| 21. | Baker, Nathaniel, House             | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 22. | Baker, Capt. Seth Jr., House        | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     | <u>Beth Savage 9/18/87</u>     |
| 23. | Baxter, Charles L.,<br>House        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 24. | Baxter, Capt. Rodney J.,<br>House   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 25. | Baxter, Shubael, House              | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     | <u>Beth Savage 9/18/87</u>     |
| 26. | Baxter, Capt. Sylvester,<br>House   | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | <u>Patrick Andrews 3/13/87</u> |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     | <u>Beth Savage 3/13/87</u>     |
| 27. | Bearse, Capt., Oliver,<br>House     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 28. | Bearse, Capt. Allen H.,<br>House    | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 29. | Blish--Garrett House                | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| 30. | Building at 237--239 Main<br>Street | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melores Byrum 3/13/87</u>   |
|     |                                     |                                     | Attest     |                                |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Blish—Garret House (Barnstable MRA)  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87

Action:  ACCEPT 3-19-87

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

<b>Condition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<b>Check one</b> <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	<b>Check one</b> <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Blish/Garrett HSC WBAZI  
350 Plum St. (1981)  
Facing E



Barnstable, MA MRA  
 Blish/Garrett House, 350 Plum Street, West Barnstable  
 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