

FORM A - AREA

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

CVC

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
30 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



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).

Barnstable (Centerville)
Name of Area (if any) Centerville Historic
District
Present Use residential, commercial,
institutional
General Date or Period 19th century
General Condition good to excellent
Age c. 30A (see data sheets)
Recorded by Wendy Frontiero/Candace Jenkins
Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.
Date 1986

see attached map

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ITEM REFERENCE

A 19/387840/4611070
B 19/387600/4611540
C 19/387800/4611780

USGS QUADRANGLE Hyannis, MA
SCALE 1:25,000

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Historical Significance (cont)

office for at least fifty years, and the home of F.G. Kelley, a local businessman and village official who was known as "Mr. Centerville"; Hallett's Store (c1856), which has also had a shoe store, ice cream and confectionery parlor, and antique store; the Tin Shop (1840) and now housing a museum; and the Crosby Stage Inn (c1866), which hosted political meetings and overnight guests until the advent of the railroad in 1854. Also historically conspicuous are the grandiose mansions of Russell Marston, a sea captain and later a Boston restaurateur, and of his son Howard Marston, an active citizen and large scale real estate investor (his home has been successively been occupied by Herbert Kalmus, the inventor of Technicolor, and by the Catholic Church). Lastly, several important institutional societies have also made their home in the district, including of course the handsomely renovated Congregational Church (1797/c1848); The old Methodist Church (1876) which is now much altered; and the related Old Parsonage (c1830). Non-religious societies housed here include the Centerville Historical Society, now in the Lincoln House and Tin Shop; Liberty Hall (1846), and its successor building, Howard Hall (1877), named for Howard Marston, both of which provided important settings for community meetings, but unfortunately neither survives. In most respects, however, and despite the many economic and cultural changes of the 20th century, the Centerville Historic District still functions as a vibrant civic, commercial, and social center.

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Village: Centerville

District Name: Centerville

Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status
208/047	.32	320 Main Street	Wilton Childs House CVC48	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
208/045	.22	328 Main Street	Joseph Childs House	c.1920	Dutch Colonial	C
208/044	1.03	340 Main Street	Prince Bearse House CVC13	c.1860	Greek Revival	C
208/132	.36	352 Main Street	Andrew Gardner House CVC50 (garage)	c.1820	Federal	C
208/042	.5	364 Main Street	Stevens House CVC51 (garage)	c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/043	.42	382 Main Street	Old Parsonage CVC14	c.1830	Federal/Greek Rev.	C
208/115	.55	317 Main Street	Jehial Reed Crosby Hse. CVC47 (shed)	c.1878	Victorian	C
208/117		329 Main Street	Stanley Crosby House	c1929	Cape	C
208/118	.35	339 Main Street	Benjamin Childs House CVC12	c.1880	Mansard	C
208/119/1	.45	351 Main Street	Weaver/George/Nickerson CVC49	c.1860	Greek Revival	C
208/120	1.39	377 Main Street	Oliver Crosby House CVC52 (garage, shed)	c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/121	.58	393 Main Street	Nelson Phinney House CVC53	c.1840/90	Greek Revival/QA	C
208/124	.68	401 Main Street	Capt. John Freeman Cornish CVC54	c.1896	Greek Revival	C
208/125	.31	415 Main Street	Aunt Julia Crosby House CVC55 (cottage, garage)	1834/1908	Federal/QA	C
208/089-3	2.07	445 Main Street	Crosby House/Inn CVC18	c.1866	Greek Revival	C
208/126	.92	463 Main Street	Capt. Eli Phinney House CVC57 (barn)	c.1855	Greek Revival	C

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208/085-002	1.03	469 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
108/085-003	.8	473 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
208/085-004	.91	481 Main Street	Fernbrook/ Howard Marston House CVC20	1881	QA	C
208/085/005	.54	485 Main Street	Frontage; vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
208/085/006	.53	489 Main Street	Frontage; Fernbrook windmill	c1900	n/a	C
208/085-007	.70	493 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
208/127	.44	497 Main Street	Capt. Hilman Crosby Hse. CVC60 (garage)	c.1830	3/4 Cape	C
207/048	.78	513 Main Street	Lincoln House/Tin Shop CVC23/23a	c.1840/1850	Greek Revival	C
207/049	.65	523 Main Street	David P. Nye House CVC62 (garage)	c.1855-75	Italianate	C
207/05 ⁰	.62	539 Main Street	Capt. David Kelley House CVC63 (garage)	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
207/051	.37	547 Main Street	Moses Hallet House CVC64 (garage)	c.1830/1910	Greek Revival Arts & Crafts	C
207/149	.18	555 Main Street	Hallett's Store CVC25	c.1856	Stick	C
207/053	1.38	565 Main Street	S. Congregational Church CVC27 and Bury Ground CVC801	1796/c.1848	Greek Revival	C
207/061	.68	38 Church Hill Road	Austin Bearse House CVC28	c.1689-92	Georgian	C

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207/040	.91	32 Bacon Street	Bacon Home School CVC26	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
207/041	.72	558 Main Street	Capt. John C. Case House CVC66 (garage)	c.1845	Greek Revival	C
207/042	.5	548 Main Street	Harrison G. Phinney House CVC65 (garage, pool, house)	c.1880	Victorian	C
207/043	2.71	Main Street	Old Centerville School CVC24	1880	Clas. Rev.	C
207/044	.95	510 Main Street	Barn converted to house	c1850	Gr. Rev./Ital.	C
207/108	.46	508 Main Street	Mazeppa Nicherson House CVC22	c.1850	Greek/Italianate	C
207-045/1	.1	498 Main Street	Capt. Owen Crosby House CVC61	c.1880	Federal/Greek Revival	C
207/045/2	.12	501 Main Street	Barn converted to hse.	c.1880	Greek Revival	C
207/046	.75	490 Main Street	Capt. Simeon Jones/ Longacre CVC21	c.1834	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
208/130	.87	480 Main Street	James Crosby House cvc59 (garage)	c.1855/1925	Greek Revival/CR	C
208/131	.6	470 Main Street	Capt. Lewis & William Crosby CVC58 (carriage house)	c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/132	1.36	454 Main Street	Capt. Russell Marston Est.	c.1857	Italianate/QA	C
208/018	.09	o Linden Avenue	New House CVC19	Recent	n/a	NC
208/019	.73	432 Main Street	Ferdinand G. Kelley House CVC56 (carriage house)	1844	Greek Revival	C

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208/020	.18	418 Main Street			Recent	n/a	NC
208/123	.16	404 Main Street	Centerville General Store		c.1834	Vernacular	C
208/122	.05	Main/Park	World War I Memorial	CVC903	c.1920	n/a	C
208/122	.05	Main/Park	Civil War Memorial	CVC904	1866	n/a	C

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETCenterville Historic District (Barnstable MRA)Barnstable CountyMASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

JAN 27 1987

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87Action: ACCEPTRETURN 3-13-87REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

see general comments
for MRARecom./Criteria ReturnReviewer SavageDiscipline Architectural HistoryDate 3/13/87

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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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ 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
☐ 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 Patrick Anders Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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Buildings:	40C	8NC
Structures:	9C	23NC
Cemetery	1C	
Monuments	1C	1 NC
Vacant lot:		1NC

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CVC20- Fernbrook (1881). Across the street, Fernbrook, the Howard Marston House is an internally combusting Queen Anne pile of shapes and materials. Rising 3 and 1/2 stories at its peak, this clapboarded and decoratively shingled mansion essentially comprises a large gable roofed block placed end to the street. Numerous hip, shed and gable dormers- as well as various wings, bays, turrets, and porches- pierce and extend this volume in an idiosyncratic arrangement. Both Marston houses sit well back from the street on large parcels of land (.9 and 1.4 acres respectively).

Historical Significance (cont)

office for at least fifty years, and the home of F.G. Kelley, a local businessman and village official who was known as "Mr. Centerville"; Hallett's Store (c1856), which has also hosted a shoe store, ice cream and confectionery parlor, and antique store; the Tin Shop (c1840) and now housing a museum; and the Crosby Stage Inn (c1866), which hosted political gatherings and overnight guests until the advent of the railroad in 1854. Also historically conspicuous are the grandiose mansions of Russell Marston, a sea captain and later a Boston restaurateur, and of his son Howard Marston, an active citizen and large scale real estate investor (his home has been successively been occupied by Herbert Kalmus, the inventor of Technicolor, and by the Catholic Church). Lastly, several important institutional societies have also made their home in the district, including of course the handsomely renovated Congregational Church (1797/c1848); The old Methodist Church (1876) which is now much altered; and the related Old Parsonage (c1830). Non-religious societies housed here include the Centerville Historical Society, now in the Lincoln House and Tin Shop; Liberty Hall (1846), and its successor building, Howard Hall (1877), named for Howard Marston, both of which provided important settings for community meetings, but unfortunately neither survives. In most respects, however, and despite the many economic and cultural changes of the 20th century, the Centerville Historic District still functions as a vibrant civic, commercial, and social center.

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Map & Parcel	Acreage	Street Address	Historic Name/Inventory #	Date	Style	Status
208/047	.32	320 Main Street	Wilton Childs House CVC48	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
208/045	.22	328 Main Street	Joseph Childs House	c.1920	Dutch Colonial	N C
208/044	1.03	340 Main Street	Prince Bearse House CVC13 (barn)C	c.1860	Greek Revival	C
208/132	.36	352 Main Street	Andrew Gardner House CVC50 (garage)NC	c.1820	Federal	C
208/042	.5	364 Main Street	Stevens House CVC51 (garage)NC	c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/043	.42	382 Main Street	Old Parsonage CVC14 (garage)NC	c.1830	Federal/Greek Rev.	C
208/115	.55	317 Main Street	Jehial Reed Crosby Hse. CVC47 (shed)NC	c.1878	Victorian	C
208/117		329 Main Street	Stanley Crosby House	c1929	Cape	NC
208/118	.35	339 Main Street	Benjamin Childs House CVC12 (shed)NC	c.1880	Mansard	C
208/119/1	.45	351 Main Street	Weaver/George/Nickerson CVC49	c.1860	Greek Revival	C
208/120	1.39	377 Main Street	Oliver Crosby House CVC52 NC(garage, shed)NC	c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/121	.58	393 Main Street	Nelson Phinney House CVC53 (barn)C	c.1840/90	Greek Revival/QA	C
208/124	.68	401 Main Street	Capt. John Freeman Cornish CVC54 (garage)NC	c.1896	Greek Revival	C
208/125	.31	415 Main Street	Aunt Julia Crosby House CVC55 NC(cottage, garage)NC	1834/1908	Federal/QA	C
208/089-3	2.07	445 Main Street	Crosby House/Inn CVC18 C (barn, garage)NC	c.1866	Greek Revival	C
208/126	.92	463 Main Street	Capt. Eli Phinney House CVC57 (barn)C	c.1855	Greek Revival	C

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208/085-002	1.03	469 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
108/085-003	.8	473 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
208/085-004	.91	481 Main Street	Fernbrook/ Howard Marston House CVC20 (cottage) NC	1881	QA	C
208/085/005	.54	485 Main Street	Frontage; vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
208/085/006	.53	489 Main Street	Frontage; Fernbrook windmill	c1900	n/a	NC
208/085-007	.70	493 Main Street	Frontage; new house	n/a	n/a	NC
208/127	.44	497 Main Street	Capt. Hilman Crosby Hse. CVC60 (garage) NC	c.1830	3/4 Cape	C
207/048	.78	513 Main Street	Lincoln House/Tin Shop CVC23/23a	c.1840/1850	Greek Revival	C
207/049	.65	523 Main Street	David P. Nye House CVC62 (garage) NC	c.1855-75	Italianate	C
207/050	.62	539 Main Street	Capt. David Kelley House CVC63 (garage) NC	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
207/051	.37	547 Main Street	Moses Hallet House CVC64 (garage) NC	c.1830/1910	Greek Revival Arts & Crafts	C
207/149	.18	555 Main Street	Hallett's Store CVC25	c.1856	Stick	C
207/053	1.38	565 Main Street	S. Congregational Church CVC27 and Bury Ground CVC801	1796/c.1848	Greek Revival	C C C
" "	" "	" "	Old Centerville Library			
207/061	.68	38 Church Hill Road	Austin Bearse House CVC28 (Barn) C	c.1689-92	Georgian	C

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207/040	.91	32 Bacon Street	Bacon Home School CVC26 (Barn)C	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
207/041	.72	558 Main Street	Capt. John C. Case House CVC66 (garage)NC	c.1845	Greek Revival	C
207/042	.5	548 Main Street	Harrison G. Phinney House CVC65 (Barn, pool, house)NC	c.1880	Victorian	C
207/043	2.71	Main Street	Old Centerville School CVC24	1880	Clas. Rev.	C
207/044	.95	510 Main Street	Barn converted to house	c1850	Gr. Rev./Ital.	C
207/108	.46	508 Main Street	Mazeppa Nicherson House CVC22 (Barn, shed)NC	c.1850	Greek/Italianate	C
207-045/1	.1	498 Main Street	Capt. Owen Crosby House CVC61 (Shed)NC	c.1880	Federal/Greek Revival	C
207/045/2	.12	501 Main Street	Barn converted to hse.	c.1880	Greek Revival	C
207/046	.75	490 Main Street	Capt. Simeon Jones/ Longacre (garage)NC	CVC21 c.1834	Greek Revival/ Italianate	C
208/130	.87	480 Main Street	James Crosby House cvc59 (garage)NC	c.1855/1925	Greek Revival/CR	C
208/131	.6	470 Main Street	Capt. Lewis & William Crosby (carriage house)C	CVC58 c.1830	Greek Revival	C
208/132	1.36	454 Main Street	Capt. Russell Marston Est.	c.1857	Italianate/QA	C
208/018	.09	6 Linden Avenue	New House CVC19	Recent	n/a	NC
208/019	.73	432 Main Street	Ferdinand G. Kelley House CVC56 (carriage house)C	1844	Greek Revival	C

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208/020	.18	418 Main Street			Recent	n/a	NC
208/123	.16	404 Main Street	Centerville General Store		c.1834	Vernacular	C
208/122	.05	Main/Park	World War I Memorial	CVC903	c.1920	n/a	NC
208/122	.05	Main/Park	Civil War Memorial	CVC904	1866	n/a	C
208/026	.30	9 Park Avenue	Gorham F. Crosby House	CVC 84	c.1850	Greek Revival	C
208/143	.45	23 Park Avenue	Former Methodist Meeting House	CVC 16	1876	Vernacular	NC
208/024	.45	33 Park Avenue	Arthur Phinney House	CVC 17	1853	Greek Revival	C

Centerville H.D. Main Street addresses

320 Main Street	CVC- Centerville H.D.	
328 Main Street	"	"
340 Main Street	"	"
352 Main Street	"	"
364 Main Street	"	"
382 Main Street	"	"
317 Main Street	"	"
329 Main Street	"	"
351 Main Street	"	"
377 Main Street	"	"
393 Main Street	"	"
401 Main Street	"	"
415 Main Street	"	"
445 Main Street	"	"
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497 Main Street	"	"
513 Main Street	"	"
523 Main Street	"	"
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558 Main Street	"	"
543 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"
508 Main Street	"	"
498 Main Street	"	"
501 Main Street	"	"
490 Main Street	"	"
480 Main Street	"	"
470 Main Street	"	"
454 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"
432 Main Street	"	"
418 Main Street	"	"
404 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"

Main/Park Streets

Cotuit H.D. Main Street addresses

Main Street	CTB/C- Cotuit H.D.	
651 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"
658 Main Street	"	"
671 Main Street	"	"
689 Main Street	"	"
701 Main Street	"	"
709 Main Street	"	"
727 Main Street	"	"
737 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"
759 Main Street	"	"
774 Main Street	"	"
Main Street	"	"

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Substantive Review

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Coleman, Edward Jr., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Determined Eligible

2. Phinney--Smith House

Substantive Review

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

3. Scudder, Josiah Jr., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

4. Swift, E.E.C., Store

Substantive Review

Keeper

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

5. Centerville Historic
-
- District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

6. Cotuit Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

7. Craigville Historic
-
- District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

8. Hyannis Port Historic
-
- District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

9. Hyannis Road Historic
-
- District

Entered in 1987
National Register

Keeper

Attest

10. Mill Way Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest



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Centerville Historic District (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

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

Working No. 1127/87
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 4/16/87
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-10-87
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Prosperous maritime community
containing significant 19th -
century collection of buildings.
Initial return comments have
been addressed.*

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C
Reviewer Spiegel
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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ 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
- ☐ 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: _____



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Centerville H.D. CVC

329 Main St.

Benjamin Childs Hse CVZ12

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Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Centerville H. D.

32 Bacon Lane

Bacon Home School CVC26



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Centerville H.D. CVC

Main St.

Old Centerville School CVC⁷⁴



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Centerville H. D.

445 Main St.

Crosby House / Inn CUL18



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Centerville HD CVC

F.G. Kelley Hse, Main St.

AUG 1986

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Centerville H.D. CUL

377 Main St.

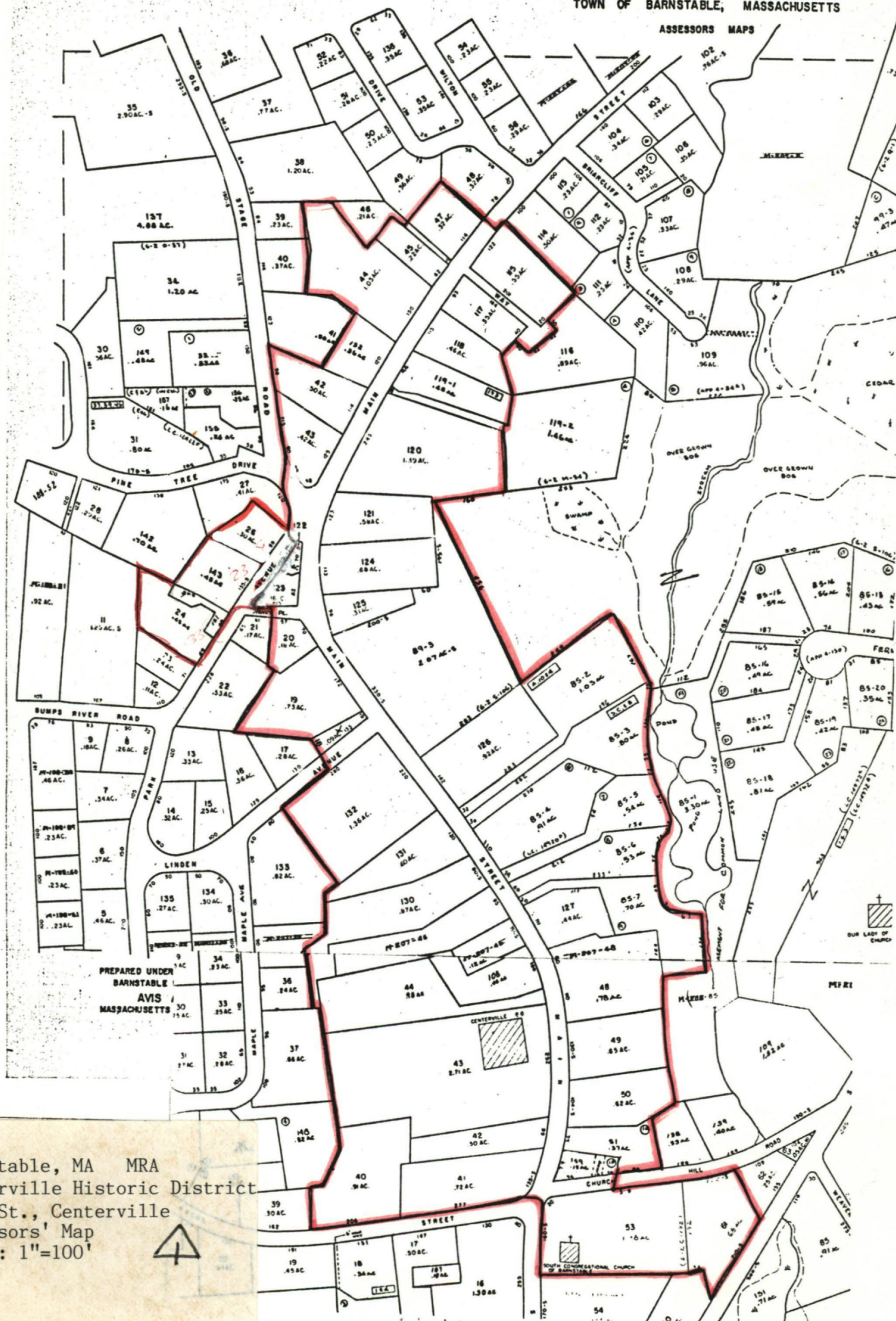
Oliver Crosby H&L CUL52

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TOWN OF BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS

ASSESSORS MAPS



Barnstable, MA MRA
Centerville Historic District
Main St., Centerville
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



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

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Executive Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

September 28, 1987

Carol Shull
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Department of the Interior
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P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the nomination form for the Centerville Historic District, Barnstable (Barnstable MRA) which was returned by your staff for substantive and technical corrections. All corrections have been made.

If you have further questions, please contact either Anne Tait or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Enclosure