

# Historic Resource Survey and Inventory Update

Application for  
Dennis Community Preservation Funds  
Calendar Year 2020

Submitted by the  
Dennis Historical Commission

## **APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Name of Organization: DENNIS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Address: DENNIS TOWN HALL, 685 ROUTE 134, SOUTH DENNIS, MA 02660

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Chief Executive Officer: DIANE ROCHELLE, CHAIR

Signature: Diane Rochelle

Name: (if more than one) ROBERT POSKITT, VICE-CHAIR

Signature: Robert Poskitt

**Dennis Town Administrator**

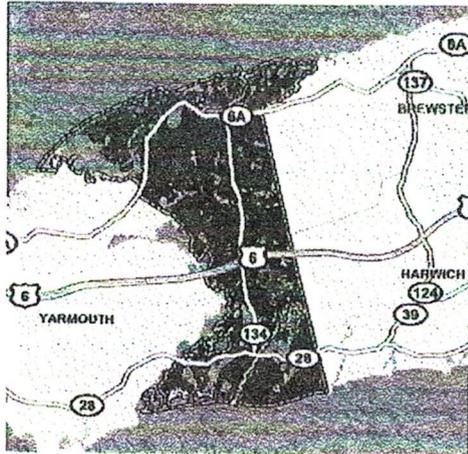
Name: Elizabeth Sullivan

Signature: ESullivan

## Historic Resource Survey and Inventory Update

### Synopsis

1. Project Title: Historic Resource Survey and Inventory Update
2. Organization Name: Dennis Historical Commission (DHC)
3. Amount Requested from CPA funds: \$ 25,000
4. Purpose: Historic Preservation
5. Project site: Town of Dennis



Various zoning districts  
5 villages  
2010 census population 14,207  
22.3 square miles  
Settled as Yarmouth 1639  
Incorporated as town 1793

6. Synopsis of Project: to update the historic resources of Dennis listed with Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) in 1969 by means of town survey and update this inventory using the archaeological services recommended by MHC.

### Applicant Information:

7. Project Title: Historic Resource Survey and Inventory Update
8. Organization Name: Dennis Historical Commission (DHC)
9. Address: Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 2660  
Diane Rochelle, Chair; [REDACTED]  
[www.town.dennis.ma.us](http://www.town.dennis.ma.us)

10. Federal Tax Identification Number: [REDACTED]

### 11. Primary Contact Person & Secondary Person:

Primary contact: Diane Rochelle, Historical Commission Chair, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

Secondary contact: Robert Poskitt, Historical Commission Vice Chair, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

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### 12. Primary Contact Person & Secondary Person who can approve & receive the funds:

Primary contact: Diane Rochelle, Historical Commission Chair, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: Robert Poskitt, Historical Commission Vice Chair, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

### **Applicant Background**

13. Brief applicant history: the Dennis Historical Commission, established in 1973, is governed by MGL, c.40, S.8D. It serves to preserve, protect & update historical and archaeological resources of the Town of Dennis and to conduct research on such resources. Members are appointed by the Dennis Board of Selectmen.
14. Names of governing board: Diane Rochelle, Chair; Robert Poskitt, Vice Chair; William Collins; Joshua L. Crowell; Sarah Kruger; Tim Scannell; Ken Van Tassell
15. Summary of comparable projects completed: 2013 CPA grant, Captain Bernard O'Neil Flag Restoration; 2015 CPA grant, Soldiers Memorial Dedication for Coxswain Benjamin Franklin Baker Congressional Medal of Honor Spanish American War; 2016 CPA grant, West Schoolhouse Preservation Phase, I; 2017 CPA grant Ava Archaeological Survey Project, Phase I; 2019 CPA grant Bass River Narrows Archaeological Survey

### **Project Information**

16. Project Concept: to maintain, preserve & protect the historic resources of the Town of Dennis.
- In 1969, 287 historic resources were registered with MHC. Of those 239 were historic buildings; the rest were areas, cemeteries, objects and a bridge. Since then DHC has continued to research the town of Dennis for historical buildings and now maintains files for 1,395 buildings constructed before 1940. We also maintain files for an additional 1,032 buildings that have been demolished.
- A building is considered historical when it is 75 years old, so 1945 is the current benchmark, with archaeologists using 1950 or mid-21<sup>st</sup> century as their survey guide. Not every building may have sufficient historical or architectural significance to recommend MHC listing. The value of our historic resource inventory is dependent on its comprehensive content.
17. Project Goals/Objectives: to produce a comprehensive historic resource inventory; to update and list prioritized historical resources with MHC.
- This inventory update needs to be done. It should have been undertaken years ago. There are 15 towns on Cape Cod. 14 of them have updated their historic resource inventory since 1969. Even Mashpee which only lists 169 buildings has been updated. Sandwich, which lists 815, is currently updating theirs. We are the last town left to do a survey & update.

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Barnstable/Hyannis has the largest list at 2,619 buildings; Yarmouth lists 727, Chatham 1,374, Harwich 502, Brewster 413, Provincetown 1,464 and Orleans 1,349. Each town has prioritized its listing so these numbers do not represent the historical total of a town's buildings. For example, Provincetown lists buildings as new as 1985.

Funding is also difficult to itemize. Other funding is available such as an MHC reimbursable grant. I can search CPC funding. Chatham received at least \$186,500 in CPC funding to date; Falmouth with 1,622 buildings received at least \$120,000. Mashpee and Harwich each received \$20,000, Orleans \$90,000, Bourne \$30,000, Eastham \$40,000, Wellfleet \$25,000. The larger ones are phased projects.

Form B, DEN.56 Josiah Dennis Manse, was updated in 2001 as part of its restoration. Attachment C shows the before and after comparison. This information has been supplemented by definitive research done in 2017 by Myron Stachiw, Archaeological Historian. Attachment D, YAR.247, Yarmouth update, done in 2013 with color photos, is another comparison of a current Form B.

18. Describe any legal issues, ramifications, impediments about this project, if any:  
none known

19. Describe how this Project accomplishes the goals & objectives of the CPA:  
It identifies, documents, updates, protects & preserves historic, archaeological & cultural resources through mid-21<sup>st</sup> century in the Town of Dennis.

20. Describe how this Project is relevant to the current & future needs of Dennis:  
It supports preservation of the heritage & historic setting of Dennis, while creating an educational resource.

21. Describe how this Project relates to the Dennis Local Comprehensive Plan:  
The project will survey, identify, preserve & protect historical resources of Dennis. It supports federal, state & local historic preservation priorities. A comprehensive inventory reinforces our historic heritage and setting.

### **Project Implementation & Budget**

22. Total CPA Funding Request:           \$ 25,000

23. A Financial Plan: this request is based on the results of an RFQ sent to 4 qualified archaeologists, 3 of which replied by phone, one emailing an estimate which is attached. All three agreed that professional expertise is necessary to complete an inventory update for MHC.

The town survey is aptly called a "windshield survey," done by auto including photography and detailed architectural notes. Completing an MHC "Form B" costs @ \$300 per form. It is very specific in detail and format as it will be uploaded to the MHC website. Then there is the research, meetings and report compilation.

Research efforts of DHC and our South Side Study Committee plus maintenance of our historic resource files and village data bases will help reduce the final cost, allowing us to

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update more information. A professional review of our current historic resource files can only make them better and more efficient.

The final report will prioritize our efforts and allow most efficient planning for a next phase.

We request \$5,000 for additional form B's" because we already know 73 current listings need to have corrections made and we have added over 1,100 historic resources to our files.

In addition, our current research extends to 1940; this project will extend it to 1950.

<u>Line Item Project Budget</u>	<u>Cost estimate</u>
Review current MACRIS inventory, review DHC town wide survey & current DHC historic resource files, meet with DHC, prioritize & supplement current information, produce draft report, final report and update 55 inventory form B's (see Attachment B)	\$ 20,000
Additional "Form B" updates	\$ 5,000
<b>Total cost estimate</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>

24. Evidence of interest from potential lenders: N/A

25. List of funding source(s) include private/public/in-kind:  
CPC grant, DHC volunteer research, town department assistance, possibility of MHC reimbursable grant

26. For Community Housing Projects: N/A

### **Support Documents**

27. Letters of support: Attachment A  
Sarah Korjeff, Historic Preservation Specialist, Cape Cod Commission

28. References: none

29. Other relevant materials specific to the Project:  
AHS cost estimate Attachment B  
DEN.56 Josiah Dennis Manse, 5 pages Attachment C  
YAR.247 Allston Sinnott House, 3 pages Attachment D

30. Copy of most recent US Income Tax Form 990: N/A

31. Certificate of Non-Collusion:

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## Attachment A Letter of Support, Cape Cod Commission

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CAPE COD  
COMMISSION

April 23, 2020

Diane Rochelle, Chair  
Dennis Historical Commission  
685 Route 134  
South Dennis, MA 02660

Dear Diane,

I am writing in support of the Dennis Historical Commission's application for funding to update and expand the town's historic resource inventory. While Dennis has an active Historical Commission that has done a significant amount of research, most of the town's historic inventory forms available in the Massachusetts Historical Commission database (MACRIS) were written in 1969 and are seriously outdated. Updated inventory forms can provide much greater detail about distinctive architectural and historic features to help guide both property owners and town regulatory boards in their decision-making. Newer inventory forms can also reflect the many changes that have occurred in recent years, both in terms of alterations to inventoried buildings, and in recognizing new buildings that were not previously identified as significant. These forms could be especially helpful in guiding the town's two historic district review boards.

Funding for this project will allow the Historical Commission to work with a professional preservation consultant and make significant progress in updating the town's historic inventory forms. Dennis is one of few Cape towns that has not had an opportunity to conduct such an update in the past 20 years. Beginning the work now will provide support for a variety of private, municipal and institutional historic resource protection efforts, and will be consistent with preservation goals in the town's Local Comprehensive Plan.

I have assisted many Cape towns as they have worked with consultants and volunteers to improve their historic resource inventories and would be happy to support Dennis in their work too. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Korjeff  
Preservation Specialist  
Cape Cod Commission



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**Attachment B**

Cost estimate from Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.  
Marguerite Carnell, Architectural Historian

**Diane Rochelle**

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**From:** Marguerite Carnell <mCarnell@ahs-inc.biz>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** Diane Rochelle  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Cost Estimate

Good morning, Diane,  
Apologies for the delay.

For \$20,000, we would propose the following scope:

- Conduct preliminary review of MHC's MACRIS inventory lists and forms
- After the HDC conducts a preliminary survey, drive the town and check for resources that might have been overlooked
- Establish prioritized list/identify themes
- Produce preliminary draft report (much of which would be incorporated in subsequent steps)
- Review/supplement background research provided by Dennis HDC
- Complete 55 forms
- Attend several meetings, the majority while in town for field work
- Produce final report

Hope this is helpful to you.

Best,  
Marguerite

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## Attachment C

DEN.56 Josiah Dennis Manse Form B – 2001 update

### Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System Scanned Record Cover Page

**Inventory No:** DEN.56  
**Historic Name:** Dennis, Josiah Manse  
**Common Name:**  
**Address:** 61 Whig St  
NobsCUSset Rd and Whig St  
**City/Town:** Dennis  
**Village/Neighborhood:** Dennis  
**Local No:**  
**Year Constructed:** 1736  
**Architect(s):** Dennis, Josiah  
**Architectural Style(s):** Colonial; Georgian  
**Use(s):** Museum; Single Family Dwelling House  
**Significance:** Architecture; Community Planning; Education; Exploration  
Settlement  
**Area(s):** DEN.D: Old King's Highway Regional Historic District  
**Designation(s):** Local Historic District (05/01/1973); Nat'l Register  
Individual Property (02/15/1974); Preservation Restriction  
(05/15/1998)  
**Building Materials(s):** Roof: Cedar Shingle; Wood Shingle  
Wall: Cedar Shingle; Wood; Wood Shingle  
Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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LHD 5/1/1973; NR/ND 2/15/1974  
PR 5/15/1998

**FORM B – BUILDING**

*Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.*

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
		V	5b



Town of Dennis

Place (*neighborhood or village*) Dennis Village

Old Kings Highway Historical District

Address 61 Whig Street

Historic Name Josiah Dennis Manse

Uses: Present House Museum

Original Dwelling

Date of Construction 1736

Source "Dennis Cape Cod, From First Comers to Newcomers 1639-1993" by Nancy Thatcher Reid  
Style/Form Colonial Salthox

Architect/Builder Josiah Dennis

Exterior Material:

Foundation Stone & Mortar

Wall/Trim Cedar Shingle

Roof Cedar Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures 1770 Old West Dennis

Village Schoolhouse moved to site in 1975

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

1905 single floor el added

1960's +/- single floor

Condition Excellent

Moved  no  yes Date Portion 1670 moved to site  
by Josiah Dennis

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Setting Rural residential neighborhood

**Sketch Map**

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.

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Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date (*month/year*) \_\_\_\_\_

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## BUILDING FORM

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

*see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The Josiah Dennis Manse is a two-story center hall, colonial saltbox dwelling built in c.1736. The size and style is typical of the homes of the more prominent members of the community during that period. The exterior siding is composed of cedar shingles and the building has a white cedar shingle roof. Over the years two single story additions have been added to the north side. The building has a large brick fireplace located on the center of the dwelling.

The well-preserved interior contains a period Parlor and Keeping Room. The Victorian Parlor has been used as an exhibition for historical artifacts.

The Manse was the first house to receive a marker from the Dennis Historical Society in February of 1965. The Manse was placed on the National Register in February 15, 1974.

### **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

*see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The Josiah Dennis Manse was the home of the first settled minister of the "East Yarmouth Parish Church" of the Town of Yarmouth. The parish was located in the Nobscussett area of what is now known as Dennis Village. At that time, the five villages now collectively called the Town of Dennis were part of the Town of Yarmouth. Josiah Dennis settled in Nobscussett in 1725 and was ordained as minister in 1727. With his young family growing, he built and settled into the new home on Whig Street in 1736. His pastorate lasted thirty-eight years and ended with his death in August 1763.

In 1793, when the East Yarmouth Parish separated from the Town of Yarmouth, the community chose to honor its first minister by naming their newly incorporated town "Dennis".

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

*see continuation sheet*

"Dennis, Cape Cod, From Firstcomers to Newcomers 1639-1993" by Nancy Thatcher Reid.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a complete National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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NR-02-215774

DEN.56



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Dennis <sup>Lot 5 - 215774</sup>

Address Nabscusset Rd. at Whig St.

Josiah Dennis House

Use Residence

Use Historical museum

Owner Town of Dennis

Public Yes

Agriculture  Travel/Communication  Date 1736 Style Saltbox  
 Education  Military affairs  
 Government  Religion/philosophy  Source of date Tradition; Probate court, Barnstable  
 Literature  Indians  Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Music  Development of town/city

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

### 4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: Stone

WALL COVER: Wood Shingles Brick Stone Other \_\_\_\_\_

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard Saltbox  
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork \_\_\_\_\_

CHIMNEYS: ① 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 ② 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed \_\_\_\_\_

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 \_\_\_\_\_ PORTICO \_\_\_\_\_ Balcony \_\_\_\_\_

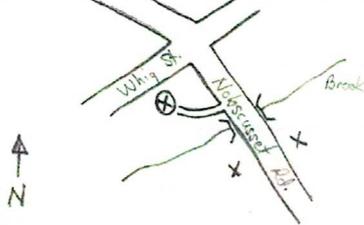
FACADE: Gable end: Front/Side Ornament: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance: Side Front Center Side Details: faces south (away from street)

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied 9/6

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of structure in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings



6. Footage of structure from street 60  
 Property has 320 feet footage on street

Recorder D. Chase

For Dennis Historical Society

Photo 69-93 Date May, 1969

SEE REVERSE SIDE

HAAS  
 photos

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RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden Formal Informal  
Predominant features \_\_\_\_\_  
Landscape architect \_\_\_\_\_

3. Neighboring Structures

Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.  
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern

Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

This house was the homestead of the Rev. Mr. Josiah Dennis, the first pastor of the East Precinct of Yarmouth, for whom the town of Dennis was named on its separation from the parent town of Yarmouth in 1793. Rev. Josiah Dennis was called to this parish in 1775 but was not settled as a pastor until 1787, when he became ordained. He died in 1763 and is buried with his family in the Dennis Cemetery.

First open house as Dennis Historical Center held August, 1968 as 175th Town anniversary event - attended by 500.  
At town meeting, 1967, voters unanimously approved purchase from Rev. + Mrs. John Verdery for \$30,000.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Freeman's History of Barnstable County  
Harvard Records  
Dennis Historical Society  
Town + County Records

RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner: Rev. Josiah Dennis (b. 1736)  
Deed Information: Book Number 1376 Page 1154, Barnstable Registry of Deeds

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## Attachment D

YAR.247 Allston Sinnott House, Yarmouth, 2013 update

### Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

#### Scanned Record Cover Page

**Inventory No:** YAR.247  
**Historic Name:** Sinnott, Allston House  
**Common Name:** Bullock, Mary A. - Benn, Ernest E. House  
**Address:** 44 Park Ave  
**City/Town:** Yarmouth  
**Village/Neighborhood:** West Yarmouth; Hyannis Park  
**Local No:** 89  
**Year Constructed:** c 1909  
**Architect(s):**  
**Architectural Style(s):** Craftsman  
**Use(s):** Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House  
**Significance:** Architecture; Recreation  
**Area(s):** YAR.D: Hyannis Park  
**Designation(s):**  
**Building Materials(s):** Roof: Asphalt Shingle  
Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle



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## FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

020.72

Hyannis

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YAR.247

**Town/City:** Yarmouth

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): Hyannis Park

### Photograph



44 Park Avenue, facing north.

**Address:** 44 Park Avenue

**Historic Name:** Sinnott House

**Uses:** Present: single-family dwelling

Original: single-family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1909

**Source:** Deeds/ Assessor Records

**Style/Form:** No style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Undetermined

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** One ca. 1950 detached garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Replacement sash ca. 1990

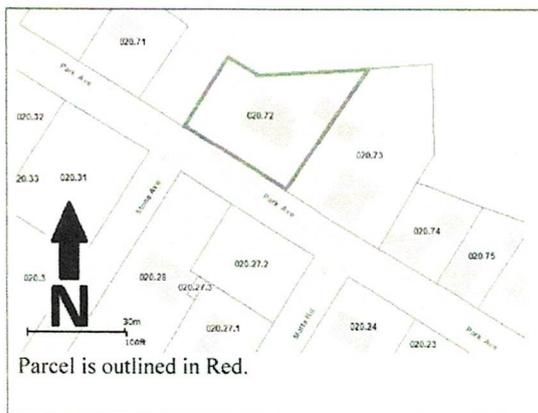
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.24 acres

**Setting:** The resource is located in a residential area surrounded by other single-family dwellings. The house is setback approximately 40' from the street. A gravel driveway with a railroad tie retaining wall is located along the west side of the house. Landscaping is largely characterized by sloping grassy areas with shrubs against the house.

### Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Douglas Owen, Gray & Pape, Inc.

**Organization:** Yarmouth Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): May 2013

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## INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

YARMOUTH 44 PARK AVENUE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

D YAR.247

- Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This is a 2-story, 3-bay, residential building built ca. 1909. The foundation is undetermined. Exterior walls are clad in wood shingles. The central bay of the second story features a projecting oriel window supported by wood brackets. The building has a medium-pitched hip roof clad in asphalt shingles. There is one offset right, rear slope, brick chimney. Windows are replacement vinyl, 6/1 double-hung sashes. There is a single-story, wrap-around porch characterized by a hip roof clad in asphalt shingles with square wood posts on square wood piers. The property includes a garage that does not appear to contribute to its historic character. The garage is a ca. 1950 one-car detached garage with a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles and walls clad in wood clapboard siding.

This is a typical example of an early twentieth century house that retains integrity of location, setting, materials, design, and association.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This property occupies Lots 34, 35, and the western portion of Lot 33 in the Hyannis Park development, originally platted in 1892. The three lots were purchased by Alice E. Sinnott between 1907 and 1908. Sinnott was the wife of Alston Sinnott, an interior decorator from Bridgewater, MA. Census records show Alston would later serve as an income tax deputy in 1920 and 1930. The Sinnott's were likely the first occupants of the house. The Sinnotts held the property until 1934, when they sold it to Charles H. Winn, a doctor from Newtown, MA. Winn owned the property for only three years, selling it to Mary A. Bullock, the wife of a shipbuilder in Boston, in 1937. Bullock purchased an additional triangular plot of land to the northeast in 1950, bringing the property boundaries to their present configuration. Bullock sold the property to Anna C. and Ernest E. Benn of Brockton, MA in 1944. Anna Benn, born ca. 1903, is listed in the 1940 Census as a bookkeeper at a shoe factory, while Ernest, born ca. 1904 to immigrants from Great Britain, is listed as a foreman at the factory. By 1955, Anna is listed in the Brockton, MA City Directory as the treasurer of the Berkeley Shoe Company, and Ernest is listed as an employee of the M.B. Claff and Sons packaging company. The Benns owned the property until 1979, when it was sold to the current owners, John J. and Margaret B. Twomey. Census records indicate the owners of the property have all maintained a residence in other towns, indicating the house was used as a summer residence.

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**CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION**

*The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.*

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