1 NAME
HISTORIC
HIGGINS, JEDEDIAH HOUSE
AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Higgins Hollow Road (Tract 13-2602, Bldg. T-13-13) — NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN
STREET & NUMBER
Barnstable

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
OWNERSHIP
— DISTRICT
X. PUBLIC
— BUILDING(S)
— PRIVATE
— STRUCTURE
— BOTH
— SITE
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
— IN PROCESS
— OBJECT
— BEING CONSIDERED
— SITE
ACCESSIBLE
— IN PROCESS
STATUS
— OCCUPIED
X. UNOCCUPIED
— WORK IN PROGRESS
PRESENT USE
— AGRICULTURE
— COMMERICAL
X. PARK
— EDUCATIONAL
X. PRIVATE RESIDENCE
— ENTERTAINMENT
— RELIGIOUS
— GOVERNMENT
— INDUSTRIAL
— TRANSPORTATION
— MILITARY
— OTHER

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (if applicable)
North Atlantic Region - National Park Service
STREET & NUMBER
15 State Street
CITY, TOWN
Boston
VICINITY OF
STATE
MA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Barnstable
STATE
MA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
HABS Survey, CACO No. 13-13 (Mass. State HABS No. 748)
DATE
1962
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS National Park Service
CITY, TOWN
Washington
STATE
DC
The Jedediah Higgins House is a typical 19th-century, 1 1/2 story "full Cape" house with a central chimney. The house measures 29' x 34' and faces south. The building is of post and beam construction, set on brick footings with a circular cellar. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingles, is pitched and a modern shed dormer has been added to the rear. The southern exterior wall is covered with clapboards while the other sides are covered with shingles. The facade is nearly symmetrical with a central entry flanked by four windows. Other elevations are asymmetrical. Alterations to the main house include a panelled front door (ca 1890), 2/2 and some 1/1 sash windows (early 20th century) and the roof shed dormer (ca 1950) and the reduction of the chimney in size above the roof line. At the house's northeast corner is a one-story wood framed ell addition (ca 1950) with 6/6 sash windows and a glazed and panelled door. Interior fittings of the house appear to be largely from the early 19th century, consisting of wide planked floorboards, raised panel work (west and north room) and Federal style sunken panel work (southeast room).
8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER SPECIFIC

SPECIFIC DATES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Jedediah Higgins House lies with it being representative of the 19th century version of a Cape Cod house architectural style which originated in basic form in the late 17th century and is still a prominent architectural style on Cape Cod today.

The primary features which make this house an important example of this architectural type are its central facade, floor plan, and interior finishes. The basically intact and unaltered central facade typifies a Cape Cod double-house with its south orientation and its symmetrical placement of two windows on either side of a central front doorway. Similarly, the floor plan with its arrangement of a central entrance flanked by two south rooms and a north room around a central chimney, and bedrooms upstairs is typical for a Cape Cod house and is basically intact. Likewise, the interior of the house with its wood paneling, wainscoting, and wide floor boards is basically unaltered from its 19th century origins and typifies the architectural style of interior finishes during that era.

The 20th century modifications to the house (ell addition and a dormer) are easily identifiable and respect the original structure. Furthermore, they are consistent with traditional evolutionary modifications to Cape Cod houses.

The purposes of Cape Cod National Seashore include the preservation of notable examples of Cape Cod style houses and the preservation of the historic scene within the seashore. A recent survey (Pfeiffer 1981) of 110 structures that the Park service owns or will acquire within the seashore area identified five 19th century Cape Cod style houses.

The Higgins House was constructed in the 19th century as a Cape Cod style double house. It is one of the least altered examples of the 19th century Cape Cod style double house among those that the Park Service owns.

The Higgins House, furthermore, is an important reminder of the human settlement and agricultural activities that once dominated the Truro countryside. Although almost all the former fields now are reforested, the remaining rural farm houses, such as the Higgins House, are crucial remnants of the 18th and 19th century historic scene of the outer Cape, telling evidence that the area is substantially a cultural landscape.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is identified as Cape Cod National Seashore Tract 13T-2602, and was part of a 7-acre plot purchased from Miss E. D. Higgins by Cape Cod National Seashore. The property is located on Higgins Hollow Road in Truro, 1/3 mile east from the intersection of Higgins Hollow Road and Longnook Road.

Boundaries are identified on attached site map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Michael E. Whatley, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
Cape Cod National Seashore

STREET & NUMBER
Marconi Area

CITY OR TOWN
South Wellfleet

DATE
3/22/84

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X NO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

DATE
Sept. 17, 1984

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE
11/4/84
View to North East of Jedediah Higgins House
Higgins Hollow Rd

JEDEDIAH HIGGINS HOUSE
Truro, MA
Cape Cod National Seashore
Photo by Michael E. Whatley
Date: March 1984
Southwest elevation
Negative on file at CCNS
Photo #2
Jedediah Higgins House
View looking northwest

JEDEDIAH HIGGINS HOUSE
Truro, MA
Cape Cod National Seashore
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Southeast elevation
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Jedediah Higgins House
Barnstable County, MA
East Parlor looking east
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Jedediah Higgins House
Barnstable County, MA
Kitchen looking south
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East Parlor looking west
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