

FORM B – BUILDING

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

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
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| 52-001 | Sandwich | | SDW.43 |
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Photograph

Insert here or on a Continuation Sheet a digital photograph (either color or black and white).

*A paper photographic print (3½x5¼" or 4x6" must **also** be attached to the form in this space or to a Continuation Sheet. Prints, from a photo-quality inkjet printer, must use brand name paper and inks approved by MHC. Attached photographs should be clearly identified with town name and property address. See MHC's Guidelines for Inventory Form Photographs.*

Town/City: Sandwich

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): East Sandwich

Address: 405 Rte 6A (formerly listed as #403)*

Historic Name: Nye, Thomas / Holway, Barney House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1764

Sources: Nye family records, brick in hearth

Style/Form: Full Cape

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: granite

Wall/Trim: clapboard, shingles

Roof: ridge

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

guest house, garage, barn

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

kitchen ell added in 1864

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.46

Setting: Located east of a major settlement cluster at Spring Hill, this portion of Route 6A traverses the original route of the Old King's Highway, and is the site of several 18th and 19th century dwellings. It has been sparsely developed throughout its history. County Atlases from 1858, 1880, and 1907 show about one half-dozen houses here, many owned by members of the Holway family. The majority of buildings date from the 20th century however, and reflect the modern tourist orientation of the economy.

Locus Map

Insert here or on a Continuation Sheet a map clearly showing the location of the property including the name of the nearest road or street and at least one other intersecting road or feature.

Assessor's maps are preferred, but other forms of detailed plans such as an excerpt from a USGS topographic map or an aerial or satellite photo clearly marked are also acceptable. See MHC's Guidelines for Inventory Form Locational Information.

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Organization: Sandwich Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): Oct / 2011

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.

The Thomas Nye/Barney Holway House is a good and well preserved example of an early, five bay, Full Cape. It is sheathed with a clapboard facade and shingles elsewhere, and sits on a low stone foundation. The entry is headed by a transom and windows contain 12/12 (facade) or 6/6 (sides) sash. A kitchen ell was added in 1864. This property possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and associations with the mid-18th century settlement of East Sandwich.

Other early houses in the area include the Wing-Holway House, 390 Route 6A (SDW.44) 1742; the Holway House, 379 Route 6A (SDW.45) 1789 and the Holway House, 371 Route 6A (SDW.15) 1827.

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 house was built by Thomas Nye II (1741-1788) on his marriage to Thankful Blossom in 1764 as evidenced by a brick on the thresh hold of the chimney which is dated 1764. Thomas II was a direct descendant of Benjamin Nye, one of the founders of Sandwich. It passed to his son Levi (1773-1834) who moved to Sandwich center when he became a circuit preacher for the Methodist Church. Levi sold the house to Barnabas Holway in 1811. 405 Route 6A is shown as owned by Barnabas "Barney" Holway on the 1857 and 1880 maps. Historian Russell Lovell's notes in the Town Archives indicate that the garage was originally a "fine old boat house." Holway built whaleboats here. A large ell and kitchen were added in 1864. After Holway's death, the house remained in the Webber family until about 1950 when it was bought by Professor and Mrs. Livingston Hall (Harvard) who also later bought the Jabez Nye House (SDW.33). The guest house was formerly a "Bog House" that was moved onto the property by the Halls in the mid 20th century. The property became known as "Orchardside Farm" and was surrounded by fields with sheep, cows, llamas, and chickens. It is now owned by Jacob Atwood. The fields have been sold and that land is now an upscale housing development. The main house, guest house and barn are currently up for sale.

*NOTE: The Town Assessor and MACRIS SDW.M list this property as #405 Route 6A (see map). The earlier MACRIS Form B, dated 4-6-1972, listed it incorrectly as #403.

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Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) Inventory No: SDW.M: Route 6A Area; SDW.R: Old King's Highway Regional Historic District

Town of Sandwich Archives and Historical Center: Historic Resource Survey Files, SHC Asset Files.

Town of Sandwich Assessors Office: Property Record Card, Online Mapping System