

Randall Doane House
Nauset Road
Eastham
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: South side of Nauset Road, east of Salt Pond.
Eastham, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present Owner: Laurence T. Bliss and Anne S. Bliss
4208 Duvall Avenue.
Baltimore, Maryland.

Present Use: Rental property.

Significance: This is a Cape Cod "house and a half" (3/4 house) which is typical of the early Cape Cod houses built on this part of the Cape. While changes have been made to modernize the house, it retains its early character. The house is located within the Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Ca. 1810-1815.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original plans of construction: None known to exist.
4. Original and subsequent owners:
 - July 12, 1836 Randall Doane to Noah Doane, Jr. (1/2 interest in property) Deed Book 23 p. 143.
 - July 12, 1836 Randall Doane to Joel Brewer (1/2 interest in property) Deed Book 323 p. 395.
 - April 30, 1856 Russell Doane to Joel Brewer (1/2 interest in property) Deed Book 323 p. 396.
 - June 30, 1880 Joel M. Brewer to Thankful Brewer - Will
 - Nov. 25, 1886 Thankful Brewer to Suzie M. (Baker) Herrick inherit as only living member of family.

Oct. 23, 1888 Suzie M. Herrick to Nathan P. Clark
Deed Book 179 p. 596.

Sept. 29, 1927 Nathan P. Clark to Antone P. Escobar
Deed Book 448 p. 360.

Oct. 3, 1949 Antone P. Escobar to Guy B. St. John
Deed Book 730 p. 546.

June 13, 1952 Guy B. St. John to G. Frederick Stebbens
Deed Book 813 p. 599.

July 11, 1957 G. Frederick Stebbens to Herbert C. Talbot
Deed Book 979 p. 81.

May 3, 1960 Herbert G. Talbot to Laurence T. Bliss
Deed Book 1076 p.69

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

1. Alterations and additions: The first part of the "ell", added in 1879 is now the dining room. The second section of the "ell" that contains the kitchen was added in about 1895. Sometime between 1888 and 1927, the bay window to the downstairs west bedroom was added. In the east room, the panel to the left of the fireplace apparently replaces the original sash door. A four panel door to the entry hall has been added and the sashes have been replaced. There are double doors into the next room which apparently are original.
2. Attic: Two finished rooms. The east room has a mantel and recessed panel pilasters. The 20" wide mantel may be original.

The west room is modern.
3. Important old views: None.
4. Sources of information: Mr. Harvey Moore, Constable of Eastham.
Mr. Henry Clark, of Eastham.
5. Construction: Seen in attic: Vertical plank, hewn trusses.

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