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DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Massachusetts
COUNTY:
Barnstable
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ENTRY DATE
NOV 11 1977

1. NAME

COMMON:
<i>Wm</i> Smith, Samuel, Tavern Site No. 27-90 (Cape Cod NS)
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Colonial Tavern, [REDACTED]

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER			
[REDACTED]			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Wellfleet <i>ma</i>		Twelfth	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Massachusetts	25	Barnstable	001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Hikers and</u> <u>Boaters only</u> <u>no cars.</u>

4. AGENCY

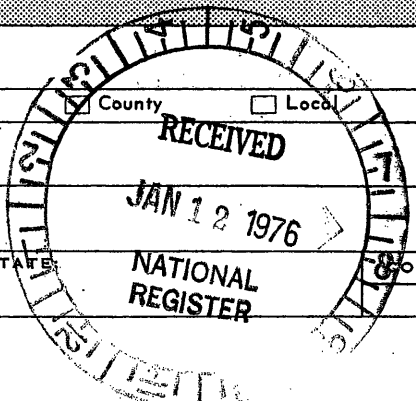
National Park Service		
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)	STREET AND NUMBER:	
North Atlantic Region	150 Causeway Street	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Boston	Massachusetts	02114

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:		
Courthouse, Barnstable		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Barnstable	Massachusetts	25

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Samuel Smith's Tavern site (the dates 1690-1740) were determined by archeological pipe-stem and ceramic dating. The site is [REDACTED], Wellfleet, and has been excavated by archeologists from Plymouth Plantation.

Rumors of the site, re-inforced by occasional "pot hunted" specimens (a 1723 English coin, pewter spoons, clay pipes, etc.) led to professional investigation in 1969. Over 24,000 artifacts were uncovered and cataloged: these included dateable pipe stems, ceramics, wine glasses and drinking containers of the period 1690-1740.

The original building was perhaps 50'x30' and faced south. Bricks were crude and undoubtedly made in Massachusetts. Two square cobblestone cellars were uncovered under the two rooms in the floor. The West cellar was rich in whale bone, indicating that shore whaling was practiced here long before the golden age of whaling (approximately 1800-1865).

Plymouth Plantation artists have drawn a sketch of the building as it may have looked, and superimposed it on a photograph of the excavated foundations--this photo, with three others showing the work in stages, is on the site in the form of a panel exhibit.

A preliminary report has been published, a final one due, and the site re-filled with sand for protection. Today, this site in the pitch pines probably appears much as it has for the last 50 years, a lonely scattering of bricks and ballast stones marking the foundations of an old shore-whaling-fisherman's Tavern. Even though all great timber on Great Island had been cut by 1711, enough grasses remained for grazing cattle and keeping down blowing sand probably into the early 18th century, the time of the Tavern's greatest use.

Significance: 3rd Order

Longitude and Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: 1 acre

Treatment Recommended: Routine patrol by Park Rangers--site has been re-filled filled with sand.

Estimated cost of exposing foundations and cellars, stabilizing same, \$50,000.

Photograph enclosed

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

██████████, off Wellfleet, originally was part of Eastham, which embraced the entire Lower Cape. Many of the founding fathers of Eastham (1644) had land claims and fishing rights ██████████ economics there began with timbering (by 1711 all the timber had been cut), went through fishing, shore-whaling, and finally, grazing. By 1750, fishing had begun to decline and shore-whaling was no more). By 1800, grazing had to be restricted as sand blowing naturally followed destruction of the original forest. ██████████ was tree planted in pine several times--one grove of white pine, started as late as 1936, now has respectable size.

Earl Rich, local Wellfleet historian, says "...Smith's Tavern was more or less a stopping off place where one could spend the time while waiting for the tide to reach sufficient height to navigate the waters of ██████████. Another important factor was the strategic location of Smith's Tavern on the ██████████

The great significance of this Tavern site lies in its archeological revelations of early Cape architecture, shore whaling-fishing, and early Colonial history in general. Cape Cod tie-ins with Plimoth, culturally, are most interesting and throw new light on living conditions in Colonial times, for the activities of the colonists are by no means clear if we rely exclusively on historical documents handed down. The latter are sometimes in error, and more often, neglect to tell us the commonplace, unreported facts we need to know.

This site contributed much information on architectural techniques of the period, especially as a means of comparing mainland and Cape structures, with additional information on dietary habits of the residents.

Over the years, several families lived ██████████--no one lives there today, and visitation is restricted to hikers and boaters.

A final note of interest: A resume of land titles ██████████, dated 1898, tracing titles back to 1643, shows one, Samuel Smith, buying lots for cattle grazing in 1743, not before. It is probable that he did not found the Tavern, but was unquestionably its owner in its declining years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		██████████	██████████	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		347M - ██████████	N - ██████████	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		██████████	E - ██████████	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:				ONE		
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Edison Pike Lohr, Park Historian (updated NARO 2/75)		DATE: 7/27/73
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Cape Cod National Seashore		
STREET AND NUMBER:		PHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: South Wellfleet	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 0195

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><i>Elizabeth R. Amador</i> State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State</p> <p><i>James P. Lohr</i> Federal Representative Signature Deputy Assistant Secretary</p> <p>Date: Jan 8, 1976</p> <p>Title: _____</p>	<p>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><i>W. Marjorie L.</i> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER</p> <p>Date: 11/11/77</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><i>Charles A. ...</i> Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date: 11-8-77</p>
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