

**FORM B - BUILDING**

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	14

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Location Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 211 Cotuit Rd. (Rte 149)

Historic Name Nathaniel Hinckley House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

**DESCRIPTION:**

Date c. 1820

Source County Registry

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric asphalt shingle

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

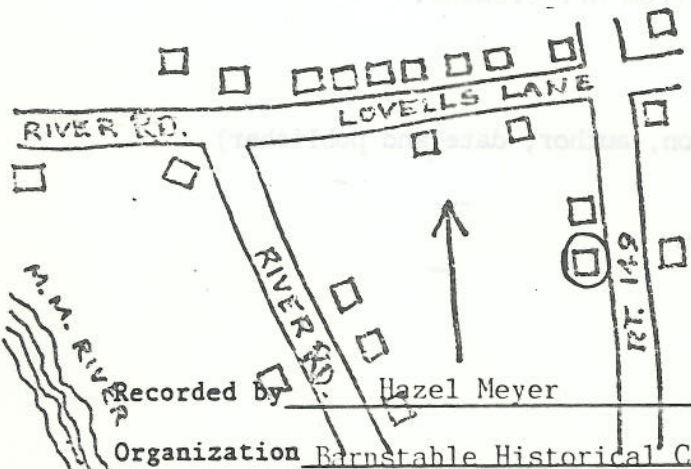
siding c. 1960

Moved yes Date 1912

Approx. acreage .37

Setting residential village area

to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings within inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1984 revised 1985

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Hinckley House was built in the Federal period style c. 1820. It is a two story half house enclosed by a hip roof. Its side entry has a surround with pilasters and entablature. Windows have simple frames and contain 6/6 sash. The only major alteration to the building has been application of asphalt siding.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

In 1975 Gilkermina Conte purchased from Manuel and Ermilinda Conte, two parcels of land of .37 acres and buildings thereon. Parcel I of 13,681 sq. ft. is where the house is located. In 1946 M/M Conte bought the property from Helen Pierce, who had received it from her husband, William in 1940. Mr. Pierce bought both parcels from Alice Jones. Parcel II of 2200 sq. ft. in 1932 and Parcel I in 1926.

In 1920 Alice paid the mortgage of Angelina Jones on Parcel I. The mortgage was taken out in 1917 by Harold and Angenlina Jones. In 1913 Harold Jones purchased the land and buildings from J. Hayden Higgins. Dr. Higgins bought the land from Wilton Cammett in 1912 who made a purchase of four acres from Emily Hallett in 1907. The house has been moved from a location further south on Cotuit Road. In 1906, Grace Higgins, wife of Dr. J. Hayden Higgins (MMA-4) purchased one acre with house from Anne Hinckley, widow of Nathaniel Hinckley. Mr. Hinckley owned and operated the fulling mill from the mid-1830's. In 1832, Mr. Hinckley bought the "right and title to the land on which his house stands" from Clement and Allen Marston. The house dates before April 1832. Mr. Hinckley was the first postmaster of Marstons Mills, distributing mail from an ell attached to this house. The ell has been moved twice (MMA4, 6) The main house was moved after Mrs. Hinckley's death in 1910 to the lot Dr. Higgins purchased from Mr. Clement.

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