

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address Main Street

Historic Name Liberty Hall

Use: Present institutional

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1859

Source Seven Villages

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

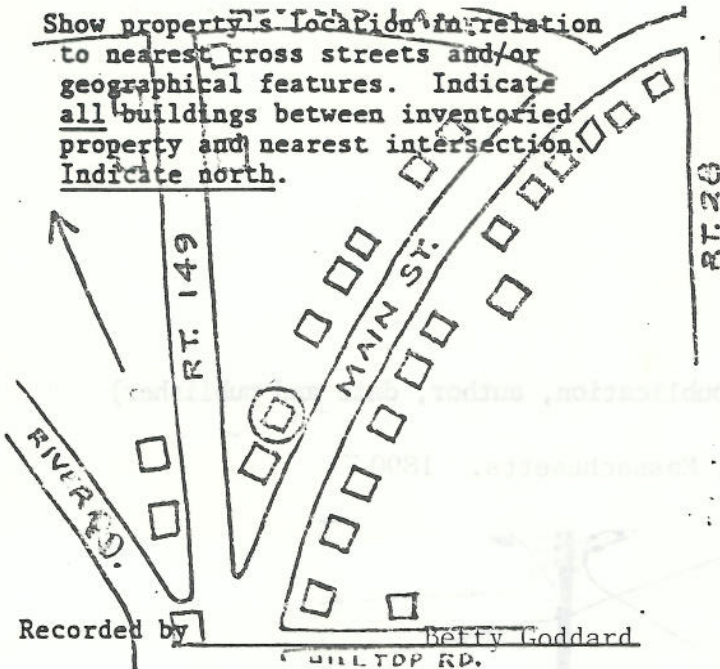
renovated 1985

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage under one

Setting residential village area

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1983 revised 1985

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Hall evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

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