

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 130 River Road

Historic Name Edwin F. Fuller House

Use: Present unoccupied

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date c1856

Source Registry of Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) porch and side wing added, 20th cen.

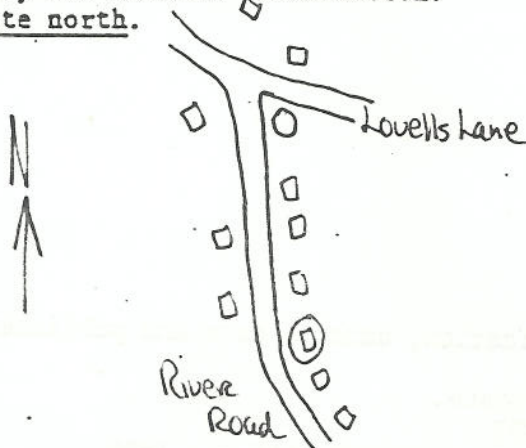
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Approx. acreage .67 078/013

Setting rural residential, near village center

SKETCH MAP

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

The Fuller House is a simple Greek Revival style house consisting of a two bay gable end section and a side wing creating an L-plan. Sometime in the 20th century, a porch was added to the front of the wing and it was extended by a two bay flat roofed section. The 1½ story cottage is shingle clad and trimmed with simple cornerboards, fascia and window surrounds. The entry, which is located in the gable end section, has an unornamented surround and contains a four panel door. The house is vacant and in deteriorating condition.

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

See continuation sheet

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FULLER - THIFULT HOUSE, MARSTONS MILLS, MASS.

On Feb. 15, 1856 Joseph C. Fuller purchased from his younger brother, Abram Fuller, Mariner, one acre of land, a "part of what is called the Crosby Field", in Marstons Mills. No house is mentioned in the deed. The house probably was built at this time, for, although no marriage date for Joseph C. Fuller has come to light as yet, his first son was born in 1856.

On Mar. 22, 1879 Hiram S. Ames purchased, for \$400.00, from Joseph C. Fuller, this same one acre, which now also has a "house, barn and other buildings" thereon.

On Mar. 18, 1886 Hiram S. Ames sold the same property to Edwin F. Fuller. Edwin died Feb. 17, 1928 and the homestead estate, valued at \$2,300.00, went to his widow, Jennie W. (_____) Fuller, who sold it on Nov. 1, 1933 to Edward O. Griffin.

On Apr. 4, 1939 Mr. Griffin sold to his brother-in-law, Arthur J. Thifault, who moved in with his family. On Apr. 12, 1949, Mr. Thifault sold a portion of this land (.62 acres), to his daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Robert Elskamp, who built their own home on it.

On July 14, 1965 Arthur J. Thifault and his wife, Ethel (Griffin) Thifault, sold the house to their youngest child, Charles G. Thifault, although they continued to live on the property. Mr. Thifault died on Apr. 27, 1967 and his widow lived in the house until her death on June 2, 1977. Since that time no one has lived in this house and it has become in much disrepair. Some attempts have been made more recently to fix up the place to make it liveable again.