

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 2145 Main Street

Historic Name Crosby/Lapham House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

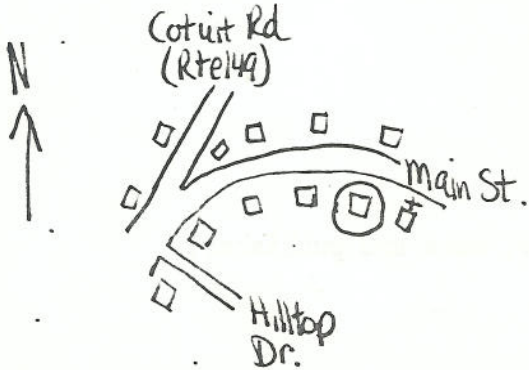
DESCRIPTION:

Date 1897

Source Barnstable Patriot/Registry of Deeds

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.



Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn

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

none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage .33 078/081

Setting next to church (NR) in village center

Recorded by Barbara Hill

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date June 1986

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

The Crosby/Lapham House is a simple, but well preserved of the Colonial Revival style dating from the late 19th century. It is a 1½ story L-plan house enclosed by a gambrel roof. The entry is located at the intersection of the L, in an enclosed shed roofed porch. The house is sheathed with shingles and trimmed with simple cornerboards, fascia, window and door surrounds.

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 sheets

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds and Probate.  
Barnstable County Atlases. 1858, 1880, 1907.  
Barnstable Patriot. 3/15/1897.  
Town of Barnstable Annual Reports.



## Crosby/Lapham House

1.

Addie Getrude Crocker was born June 26, 1853, eldest child of Joseph Crocker and Harriet M. (Stiles) Crocker. They lived at "The Ponds" on Race Lane, Marstons Mills.

Addie married Abner F. Crosby. She started teaching school in the Town of Barnstable in 1874. The first Town of Barnstable Annual Report which is in print is 1887 and in that year, up until 1890, Addie was teaching in Marstons Mills.

Abner F. Crosby died of consumption, age 55 years, in June 1892. The Barnstable Patriot of 15 March, 1897 wrote that Mrs. Abner Crosby sold her house to Wilton Cammett. Which house that was is unknown. The Barnstable Patriot of March 29, 1897 announces that Mrs. Addie Crosby has purchased land from Robinson Weeks and will build a new house.

The deed to Addie G. Crosby of Barnstable from Robinson Weeks of Barnstable, Blacksmith, "a certain piece of land, situated in Marstons Mills and near the Meeting House of the Methodists" (Bk 275, p. 32) It was on this piece of land she must have built her house.

The Marstons Mills column in the Barnstable Patriot for 7 June 1897 says that "The Reverend John Millar has arrived. He will board with Mrs. A.J. Crosby". The Rev. Millas was the Methodist preacher newly assigned at that time.

The Town Report of 1914 (p. 147) says of Mrs. Crosby who retired in 1914, "—she was certainly a ;natural teacher' who had given 30 years of devoted service to young children, work of the highest order of merit and productive of lasting good". (Superintendent of Barnstable Schools, G.H. Galger.)

From October 1900 through December 1912 Mrs. Crosby taught in the Osterville Primary School. She sold her home at 2145 Main Street, Marstons Mills to George H. Childs the 13 November 1907 with 1/3 acres more or less. (Deeds bk. 286, p. 316)

George H. Childs grant house and land to Charles E. Hinckley, 25 October 1911. Charles E. and Hannah (Jenkins) Hinckley had one son, Maurice Jenkins Hinckley, born 1 November 1890. Maurice J. married Alice M. Pierce, daughter of George W. and Clara A. (Thomas) Pierce of Marstons Mills. Their first and only child was Maurice Jenkins Hinckley, known as "Mope" or "Cop" to local residents. He was a member of the Barnstable Police Department for many years, as was his father before him.

Charles E. Hinckley conveys to Maurice J. Hinckley (his son) a certain piece of land with the buildings thereon in Marstons Mills in said Town of Barnstable (bk. 363, p. 85), 16 January 1920.

Maurice J. and Alice M. Hinckley sell land and house to Alice E. Jones, wife of Henry Jones, 8 March 1926 (bk. 432, p. 147)

9 January 1939 (bk. 547, pp. 571-572). George T. Mecarta, possessor of mortgage of land and house of Alice Jones, forecloses said mortgage because of default. (George loaned money to many people in the village. He was also a Justice of the Peace).

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A public auction was held at 2pm on 9 January 1939. Since Betsy Mecarta, wife of George, became owner of the property, it may be assumed she was the only bidder at the auction.

Betsy Mecarta, for consideration paid, grants onto Beatrice Lapham, with quitclaim covenants, parcel of land with buildings thereon(bk.601,p.451), deed dated 1943. 1

Deed dated 13 May 1965 (bk.1297,p.963) I, Bea Lapham, widow, grant to myself and to my daughter, Janice G. Nickerson, and to her husband, Edmund J. Nickerson, as joint tenants, with quitclaim covenants, lands and buildings. For my Title see bk 601, p. 451 from Betsy Mecarta. I have right to occupy, use and enjoy the granted premises in common for the rest of my life.

Bea Lapham died 27 June 1979. Janet and Edmund Nickerson sell the property to Thomas Higham and his wife Coleen, 9 June 1981(bk.3301,p.76).

One or two other persons have owned the property since then.