

FORM C - MONUMENTS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Street River Rd. and Lovell's Lane

STATUE
BUST
MARKER
RELIGIOUS SHRINE
GROUP COMPOSITION

MONUMENT
FOUNTAIN
MILESTONE
BOUNDARY MARKER

Name James Ke. Baker Square

Original Owner Town of Barnstable

Present Owner same

Date Constructed 1956

Date Dedicated 1956

Source of Date Town Records

Designer or Sculptor none

Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner _____

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture
Architecture
Art/Sculpture
Education
Literature
Music
Government

Commerce/Industry
Science/Invention
Travel/Communication
Military Affairs
Indians
Development of Town/City
Religion/Philosophy

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved* Altered _____

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None _____

MONUMENT endangered by: possible road widening

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other plaque on boulder

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: _____

James K. Baker Square

DESCRIPTION**

Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material granite

Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other _____

Setting (surroundings) small grassy plot at junction of roads

Size (approximate) 30"x30"x24"

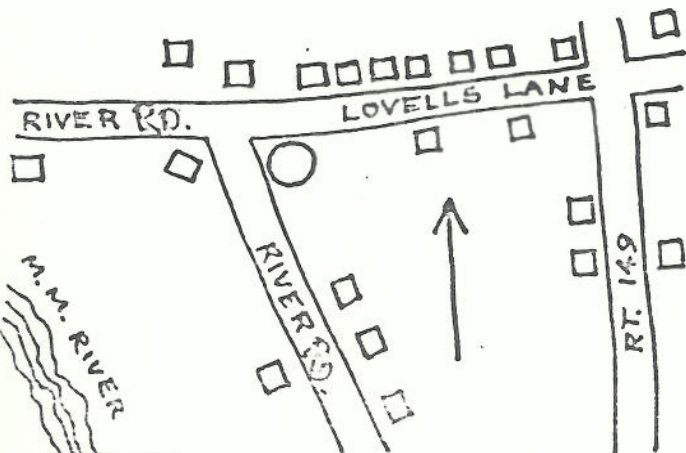
Indicate location of monument on map below

Recorder Barbara Arnold

For Barnstable Historical Comm.
(Name of Organization)

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Photo _____ Date Received July 1985



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* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.

** Describe the monument on the reverse side.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

The monument is an undressed granite boulder bearing a bronze plaque with the name "James K. Baker Square". It is situated on a small grassy plot at the junction of River Rd. and Lovell's Ln. There are trees behind the boulder and American flags in standards at either side. The memorial is across the street from a small house where Baker's father lived.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

James Baker was killed in the Korean War in an accident when the convoy truck in which he was riding overturned, throwing him out. He died August 13, 1954. He was married to a New York girl shortly before going overseas and was buried in New York.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Oral history: Mrs. Mabel Baker Roderick (half sister to James) River Rd. MM



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