

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
MMD	26

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills-Ponds)
Address 1251 Race Lane
Historic Name Benjamin & Eunice Wright, Jr.
House

Use: Present dwelling
Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION:

Date c.1835
Source County Registry

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

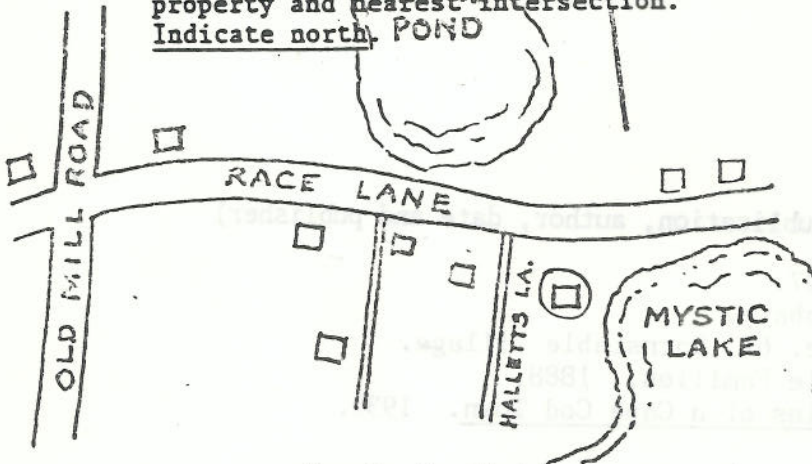
Moved yes Date 1928-29

Approx. acreage 1.33

Setting rural residential

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. POND



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

The Wright House is a half Cape cottage enclosed by a gable roof. Its side entry is framed by pilasters and headed by a transom. Windows are simply framed and contain 6/6 sash

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

This property is probably located on part of the 100 acres that Deacon William Crocker of West Barnstable willed to his grandsons in 1692. Capt. Benjamin Wright, Jr. (1804-1843) is listed as a shipmaster in the town records and local history books and was lost at sea in 1843. His brother William Wright survived a long and perilous experience after shipping out on a whaler (MMD-27). Captain Benjamin Wright, Jr. owned this property which is east of where his father once lived. It is on the south side of Race Lane along the north shore of Mystic Lake, one of the three Indian Ponds in Marston Mills.

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