

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Place (neighborhood or village) BARNSTABLE
Newtown (Marstons Mills)



193 School St.

Name: John Hamblin House

Use: Residence

Original: Farmhouse

Construction: 1828?

Notes: Stephen Hamblin genealogy;
Cushing

Style: Vernacular

Builder: Reuben Hamblin?

Material:

Foundation: Field stone

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (with dates): East wing removed
1900s?; reconstructed 1960s; new cellar
and dormer on south side added c. 1975.

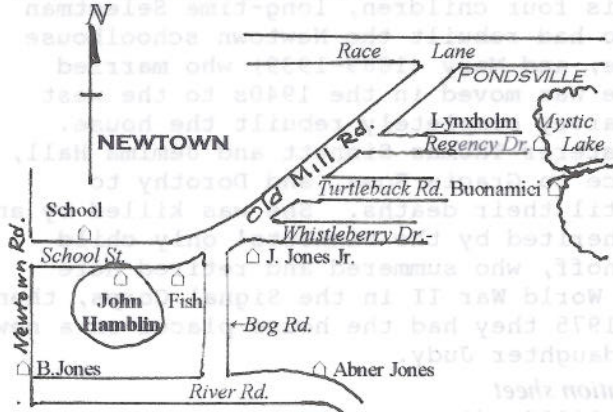
Condition: Greatly altered

Moved no yes Date:

Acres: 3.76

Setting: Rural upland above cranberry bogs at
Marstons Mills River headwaters.

inventoried building and nearest intersection of
natural feature. Label streets including route
numbers, if any. Circle and number the
inventoried building. Indicate north.



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Organization: Marstons Mills
Historical Society

Date (month / year) 3 Oct. 2000

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The John Hamblin House is a vernacular style farmhouse of one and a half stories, built on an "L" plan, the core a front gabled rectangle, with a one story cross gable wing to the north. The exterior is shingle clad, with white trim and dark green doors. The foundation is concrete block. The roof is composition, with a modern brick chimney at the north end of the ell. There is one outbuilding to the west, a two car gabled garage.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to local historian Wilbur Cushing who rebuilt the foundation the frame is 8 x 8 post and beam, with wide floorboards the oldest part is the ell to the north, dating from the XVIIIth century. The larger core, a three quarter Cape faces south, as was customary to at least 1800.

The 1857 Walling map shows this house as "J. Hamblin", just northwest of "R. Jones" (Is this Reuben H. Jones (1826-1900)? John, son of Reuben6 Hamblin (1803-60; Lewis5, Benjamin4-3, John2, James1) and Olive7 Crocker (1807-38; John6, Edmond5), was born in 1829, and died in Australia in 1855, and may have inherited this house before going to sea from his father Reuben, a mariner who moved to Charlton NY and Woods Hole, where he is buried, leaving his second wife Amanda (Young). The parents were married about 1828, a tentative date for its construction.

The house was inherited by James7 Harvey Crocker (1850-1928) (Asa6, Ansel5 II, Isaac4 II, Nathan3, Eleazer2, William1), probably from his wife and fourth cousin once removed Cora8 Crocker (1858-1911), daughter of Stephen7 (Ezekiel6, Joseph5, Benjamin4, William3-4, Joseph2, William1) and Eliza7 Jones (Jedidiah6-5, Simon4, Isaac3, Jedidiah2, Ralph1).

"Uncle Jikker", as James was known, was a cranberry farmer, wore full beard, which is remembered as long, flowing and white in his last years. He owned over 500 acres extending east from Mystic Lake, much of which became the Klouse/Filene estate, and the Buonamici/Tenampo Club. This included ten acres of bogs, Uncle Fred Crocker's southwest of the Jedidiah Jones House, Uncle Ned's south of this house, and an acre he built on Mystic Lake. At one time he ran the village store from the house, and in 1892 opened an ice cream saloon on the Avenue in Osterville where he sold "ice cream, fruit, peanuts, tobacco, cigars and so called temperance drinks in a new building..." at the east end of the Daniel Block, where the bookstore is now located. This was so successful that he expanded the store in 1896. Cora died in 1911 from a fall down the cellar stairs. In 1914 James invested money in an orange grove in White City, Brevard Co., FL. He had an extensive peach orchard to the south of the house.

On James's death in 1928 the estate went to his four children, long-time Selectman Chester 1881-1962), carpenter Harvey (1884-1963) who had rebuilt the Newtown schoolhouse across the street, Ernest (1887-1974) of Centerville, and Mary (1889-1939) who married Raymond Sinnett (1882-1957). The old carriage house was moved in the 1940s to the west side of the Jedidiah Crocker House. By the 1960s Harvey completely rebuilt the house.

Sinnett was the eldest child of Falmouth upholsterer Thomas Sinnett and Jemima Hall, whose daughters had married Marstons Mills men: Grace to Gracie Rosa, and Dorothy to Benjamin Pond. The Sinnetts lived in this house until their deaths. She was killed by an auto on Main St., Sepuit in 1938. The house was inherited by the Sinnetts' only child radio technician Harvey F. and his wife Irene Demianoff, who summered and retired here from their home in Wakefield. Harvey had served in World War II in the Signal Corps, then worked for American Airlines at Logan Airport. In 1975 they had the house placed on a new foundation by Wilbur Cushing. Their heir is their daughter Judy.

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*