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

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

**Photograph**

(3" x 3" or 3-1/2" x 5" black and white only)  
 Label photo on back with town and property  
 address. Record film roll and negative numbers  
 here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form  
 over this space. Attach additional photos to  
 continuation sheets.

Address: 239 School St.

Historic Name: Natalie & Leonard Fish House

Uses: Present: Residence

Original: Same

Date of Construction: 1928

Source: Wedding of Leonard Fish &  
 Natalie Crocker

Roll Negative(s)

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Style/Form: Bungalow

Architect/Builder: Charles L. Hamblin?

**Sketch Map**

Draw a map showing the building's location in  
 relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major  
 natural features. Show all buildings between  
 inventoried building and nearest intersection or  
 natural feature. Label streets including route  
 numbers, if any. Circle and number the  
 inventoried building. Indicate north.

Exterior Material:

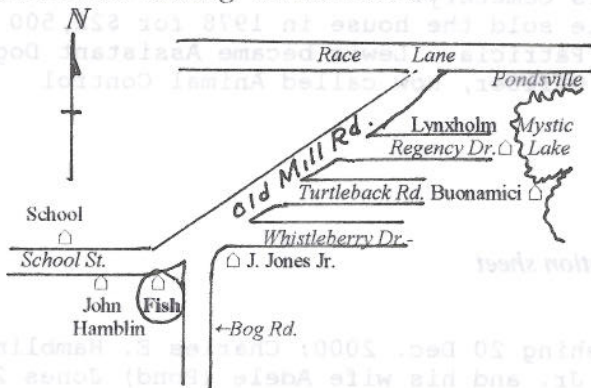
Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (with dates):



Condition Close to original

Moved  no  yes Date:

Acreage: 1.1

Setting: Rural area, west of junction of Bog Rd.,  
 School St. & Old Mill Rd.

Recorded by James W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills  
 Historical Society

Date (month / year) 13 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 Fish House is a one and a half story bungalow of the type built by local builder Charles L. Hamblin, a rectangle with gable end to the street. There is an open porch on the street end, built on pillars. The main entry door is at the back of the west side. The house is clad in red cedar shingle, with gray trim. The foundation is concrete blocks. The roof is composition, with a brick chimney on the back of the north side. There is one small outbuilding to the rear (south), a wooden tool shed.

### 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.

The land was part of the extensive Jedidiah Jones farmstead which came to the Stephen Crocker family, and to James H. Crocker and his son the Barnstable Selectman Chester A. Crocker (James<sup>7</sup>, Asa<sup>6</sup>, Ansel<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Eleazer<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). In 1928 Chester's younger daughter Natalie<sup>9</sup> (1905-88) married Leonard I. Fish (1901-73), and they built this house. Half an acre was deeded to Leonard by the Crocker heirs in 1960. Leonard was a farmer, working in the local cranberry bogs, and growing vegetables and fruit with his father-in-law to the east of Chester's house. These he peddled from house to house in a Dodge sedan c. 1925 model. Later he became farmer for E. K. Davis, the aluminum king at his estate off South County Road. Leonard was son of Albert Thomas Fish (Hervey, Ezra) of W. Barnstable, and his wife Hannah Amelia Jenkins, the local midwife. Both Leonard and Natalie are buried in Marstons Mills Cemetery.

Leonard and Natalie had no children, and Natalie sold the house in 1978 for \$22,500 to the current owner, Charles R. Lewis and his wife Patricia. Lewis became Assistant Dog Officer of the town in 1983, and in 1984 became Dog Officer, now called Animal Control Officer for the town.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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- Barnstable deeds 1102/359, 2659/269, 5808/42.  
Interviews with local historians Vivian & Wilbur Cushing 20 Dec. 2000; Charles E. Hamblin 28 March 2000; former postmaster Loring Jones Jr. and his wife Adele (Pond) Jones 27 March 2000; family genealogist Charles F. Crocker 8 June 2000; Marjorie Williams, niece of L. Fish 18 Oct. 2000.  
Andrea Leonard, *A Crocker Genealogy* (Bowie MD: Heritage Books, 1995), p. 129.  
Mosswood Cemetery records for Marstons Mills. Fish in block A, lot 19.  
Barnstable Town Reports 1983 p. 165; 1984 p. 156; 1998 p. 197.

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

