

FORM B - BUILDING

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Cotuit

MM N-26

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



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

Address: 554 River Road

Historic Name: Jordan Rogers House

Uses: Present: Residence

Original: Same

Date of Construction: 1927

Source: Barnstable deed 451/140

Style/Form: Vernacular

Architect/Builder: Jordan Rogers

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Cedar Shingle & Clapboard facade

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

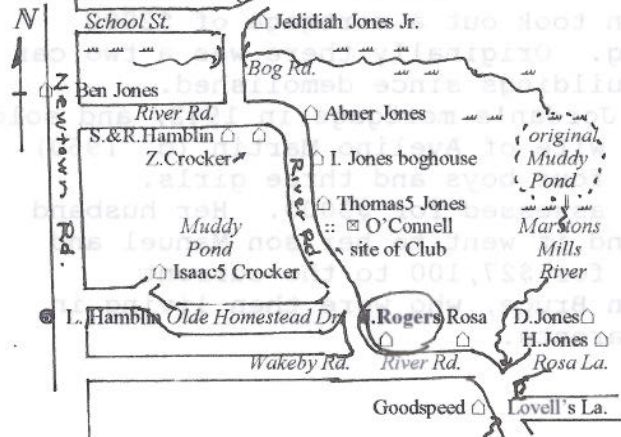
Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Close to original

Moved  no  yes Date:

Acreage: 1 (43,565 sq. ft.)

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.



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Organization Marstons Mills  
Historical Society

Date (month / year) 27 Oct. 2000

Setting: Rural upland below cranberry bogs of Old Muddy Pond, at junction of Wakeby and River Roads.



## 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 Jordan Rogers House is a one and a half story vernacular style building on a rectangular concrete block foundation, side gable to the street, with four bays: a twin window, entry door, single window, and a pair of small windows. Above this facing the street is a shed dormer with three square windows. At the east end is a shed roofed back entry porch leading out to an open deck. The exterior is clad in cedar shingle except for the front facade which is clapboard stained dark brown. Trim is brown. The roof is composition shingle with a brick chimney at the center peak.

### 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 house was built in 1927 by local builder Charles L. Hamblin for his brother-in-law, "Jordan" Joseph Rogers (1893-1954). Jordan was born in San Roque, a suburb of Ponta Delgada, capital of St. Michael's island in the Portuguese Azores, to the wheelwright/farmer John Rodrigues/Rogers and his wife "Harriet" Maria Henrietta Botelho Robello, who had come to the U.S. in 1898 with four small children, and to Santuit in 1903, and to Marstons Mills in 1906, when he bought the former Manning horse farm west of Long Pond (see Benj. Pond House, MM N-9). Jordan, the eldest, grew up there, married in 1914 to Teresa Enos Frazier (1894-1942), who bore him 11 children. They had been living in an old house at 215 Main St. in Santuit (CTA 25) where he had a coal and oil business, moved to New Bedford, and returned here.

Jordan bought this lot for \$75 from Winfred Lovell who administered the estate of Orrin Mecarta. In Sept. 1927 Jordan took out a mortgage of \$2000 which probably represents his cost of building. Originally there was a two car garage and a barn for a horse and cow, both buildings since demolished.

Sandwich Cooperative Bank foreclosed on Jordan's mortgage in 1942, and sold the house for \$1500 to Mary Martin (d. 1955), wife of Avelino Martin (d. 1960) of West Barnstable. They had eight children, four boys and three girls.

On the death of Mary Martin the house was assessed for \$3000. Her husband having died, the estate was settled in 1964 and it went to her son Manuel and Joann Martin for \$3000. They sold it in 1991 for \$27,100 to the current owners, their daughter Sharon Martin and Kevin Bruce, who were then living in Dartmouth MA. with lifetime tenancy for the parents.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable deeds 451/140-2, 595/600, 596/1-4, 1141/507, 1270/82, 1270/111, 7677/31.  
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Interviews with local historian Charles E. Hamblin, neighbor Manuel Roderick Jr.  
21 Dec. 2000.