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Cotuit

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 220 Morrissey Boulevard  
 Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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

722 <sup>Santuit-</sup>Newtown Rd.

Name: Seth Hamblin Homestead

Present: Residence

Original: Same

Construction: 1921

Barnstable Deed 381/145

Form: Vernacular

Architect/Builder: Seth & Charles L. Hamblin

Primary Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: One story garage to SE.

Major Alterations (with dates): 12 x 18 living room with fireplace added north side early 1930s.

Condition Exterior close to original.

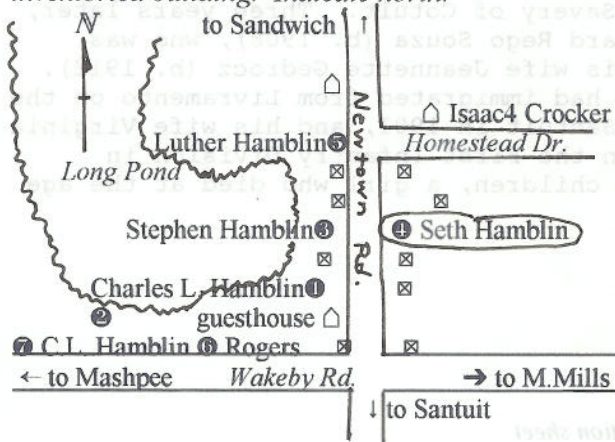
Moved  no  yes Date:

Acres: 1.8

Setting: Rural area west of Long Pond, NE of junction of Newtown and Wakeby Roads, on west side of Newtown Rd.



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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## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

The Seth Hamblin House is a two story vernacular house, gable end to the street. The exterior is clad in cedar shingle, painted barn red, with white trim. An enclosed porch under a hip roof extends on the west side toward the street. On the second floor facing south is a gabled dormer. The roof is composition, with a single brick chimney. There are outbuildings to the southeast: A one-story wood frame garage for one car.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

*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 1921 by Seth<sup>8</sup> Ezekiel Hamblin (1898-1960) and his elder brother Charles<sup>8</sup> Luther Hamblin (1889-1974), who were born just north of here to a family that had been in the area from the earliest days (his father Ezekiel<sup>7</sup>, Luther<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). In 1919 he married his neighbor across the pond, Mary Carm Rogers (1900-1986), whose sister had married his brother Charles. They were daughters of wheelwright John Roderiques Rogers, who had immigrated from St. Michaels in the Portuguese Azores. The Hamblins had three sons who grew up here, carpenter/farmer Seth Jr. (b. 1921), builder Charles Edward (b. 1922), and adopted son John Francis (b. 1943), a cranberry farmer. An acre was given by his father Ezekiel from his mother Caroline Crocker's estate. The odd shape of the lot is given by the northern boundary of the old road from his grandfather Luther Hamblin's house to Marstons Mills. In the early thirties Seth made the only major change, the addition of a 12 x 18 living room on the north side, with fireplace.

In 1944 Seth sold the house and nearly 18 acres with a \$2500 mortgage to Leah (Lewis) Savery, wife of Grover Savery, son of Fred Savery of Cotuit. Three years later, in Dec. 1947, they sold it to the current owner Edward Rego Souza (b. 1908), who was caretaker for the Davis Estate in Osterville, and his wife Jeannette Gedroc (b. 1912). Edward was the son of farmer Antonio Rego Souza who had immigrated from Livramento on the island of St. Michaels in the Portuguese Azores to Santuit in 1901, and his wife Virginia Sousa Condinho, of the same place. Edward served in the First Infantry Division in Normandy in World War II. He and Jeannette had two children, a girl who died at the age of seven, and son Edward Anthony Souza (b. 1950).

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable deeds 381/185, 624/280-1, 684/490, 1111/420.  
Barnstable probates 11,653 (Caroline C. Hamblin to son Ezekiel).  
Interviews with son of the builder, Charles E. Hamblin who grew up in the house, 18 March 2000.

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