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Neighborhood or village) BARNSTABLE
Newtown (Marstons Mills)

674 Wakeby Rd.

Name: Manuel C. Medeiros Jr. House
Present: Residence

Original: Same

Construction: 1927

Barnstable Deed 448/542

Form: Azorean Vernacular

Architect/Builder: Charles L. Hamblin?

Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Shingle

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates): Front porch enclosed;
original house extended northward; west
wing added 1986.

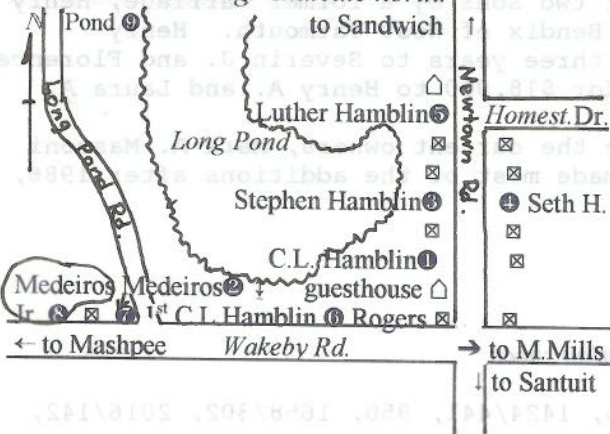
Condition Much altered

Moved no yes Date:

Acres: 1 acre

Setting: In wooded area on north side of Wakeby
Rd. close to Sandwich/Mashpee town line.

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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Historical Society

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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 Manuel Medeiros Jr. House was originally a small bungalow at the south side of the present house, but significantly modified. The original gable ended house had a porch on the south side toward the street, now enclosed, with front entry on that end. The back of the original has been extended northward, and a two story wing added to the west side, forming an L plan for the whole building. This includes a garage, bedroom, office and study and two baths. The exterior of the original is shingle clad.

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.

Manuel C. Medeiros Jr. (1904-90) was the eldest son of Manuel (1876-1945), an immigrant farmer from the island of St. Michaels in the Portuguese Azores, and his schoolteacher wife Isabel C. Pereira (1882-1943), who had built the farmhouse east of this on the corner of Long Pond Rd., where the son grew up.

In 1927 he was given the west end of his father's lot where this house was built, on what deeds called the "Old Bourne Road". Manuel Jr. married his first wife Constance from Provincetown, by whom he had two children, Beatrice (b. 1929) and Henry (b. 1930), who grew up here.

Manuel Jr. called himself "caretaker/engineer", employed on a summer estate in Osterville, and finally as a school custodian. Late in life he returned to the family home in St. Michaels and remarried Maria Gloria Borges, by whom he had Luis Gonzaga, who became a politician in New Bedford. Manuel Jr. died in Hyannis in 1990, and is buried in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Centerville.

This house was acquired by 1957 by Michael and Ethel Bendix Bucci. On Ethel's death in 1965 it was valued at \$6,850 and inherited by her two sons by a former marriage, Henry Eichert Bendix of Washington Hollow NY and Allen M. Bendix of West Yarmouth. Henry relinquished his share to Allen, who sold it within three years to Severin J. and Florence H. LaLiberte of Uxbridge MA. They sold it in 1972 for \$18,000 to Henry A. and Laura A. D'Agostino of Falmouth.

In 1974 the D'Agostinos sold it for \$24,000 to the current owners, Mark A. Massoni of Chatham and his wife Kaaren J. Massoni who have made most of the additions after 1986, doubling the size of the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable deeds 310/390, 448/542, 983/497, 1416/835, 1424/441, 950, 1658/302, 2016/142, 7762/301, 12476/39.

Barnstable building permit 29715.

Barnstable Probate 41792 (Ethel Bendix Bucci).

Interviews with local historian Charles E. Hamblin 18 March 2000.

Medeiros family chart comp. from vital records by J.W.Gould 30 July 2000.

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