

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town Barnstable

Place (neighborhood or village) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address 34 Hi River Road

Historic Name Jose Brandão House

Uses: Present Single family house

Original Single family house

Date of Construction 1926

Source Barnstable Deeds 438-66, 444-215

Style/Form Vernacular cottage

Architect/Builder Unknown; local craftsman

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Cedar Shingle

Roof Composition Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

None

Major Alterations (with dates)

None

Condition Close to original

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 0.63 Acres

Setting Rural, between ancient way on the west and main highway (River Road) on the east.

Sketch Map



Recorded by James Gould

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society,
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (month / year) September, 2008

BUILDING FORM**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION** *see continuation sheet*

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

This is a 1 ½ story vernacular cottage on a rectangle 24; x 32;, shingle-clad under a hip roof, with two gabled dormers with paired windows on the south side, a gabled dormer with paired windows on the east, and an enclosed entry porch on the west side.

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.

Although the Assessor placed a date of 1910 on this building, there is no record of a structure on it when it was sold with three acres of land in July, 1926 (Deed 438-66). The seller was a nearby resident, Lucie Affie Davis Goodspeed Jones (1866-1953), wife of the farmer Ephraim Jones. The buyer was Cape Verdean landscaper Jose Brandão, aka Joseph Brandos (190-1988), who obtained a mortgage on the land and building in March, 1927 (Deed 444-215). The house is professionally constructed, perhaps in exchange for his landscaping work. Brandão later bought “The Run” cranberry bog in Centerville, and a home at 1934 Falmouth Road/Route 28 in Centerville.

The Sandwich Cooperative Bank foreclosed on the mortgage in 1933 and sold the house to a grocer, Antone “Tony” Soares Medeiros, Jr. (1907-1989), and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Enos (1918-1997) of Santuit. He was the son of Antone Soares Medeiros of Santuit who was landscape gardener for the Daniel Brothers of Osterville, having immigrated from the island of St. Michael in the Azores. The bank again foreclosed and sold the property in 1941 to Marie Bost of Boston, wife of J. Granville Bost.

After Marie’s death in 1942, her husband sold it in 1948 to the present owner, Nancy Lorange Condinho (born Springfield, MA, 1922), wife of grocer Alfred “Candy” Souza Condinho (1918-1965), who worked at Hall’s grocery in Hyannis. They had three boys who grew up here: Jeffrey Lee (b. 1949), resident now in Morristown NJ, Scott Robert (b. 1951), of Hyannis, and carpenter Craig Howard (b. 1953), who lives in the house he built across the road at #35. Alfred was the son of Jose Souza Condinho, caretaker of the Roloson estate in Cotuit, who had immigrated in 1913 from Livramento, St. Michael, Azores, where his father was quintero (caretaker) of the Baron de Funte Belo, hence the name “Condinho”, or Count.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 421-476, 438-66, 444-215, 506-246, 538-3, 568-13, 577-150, 705-423, 7380-269. Town of Barnstable Vital Records.

Souza Condinho family tree by J. W. Gould, January 13, 1999; Medeiros family tree April 1, 2006.

Jones family tree by Warren Hamblin

Interview with owner Nancy Condinho, September 3, 2008; Brandão’s niece Anna Brandão-Hunt, September 5, 2008.

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