

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number

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Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills)

Place (neighborhood or village) by Round Pond  
off Osterville-West Barnstable Road

Address 71 Round Pond Road, Marstons

Historic Name Isaac Crocker<sup>5</sup> House  
Mills  
Owners: H. Seely & Anne M. Thomas  
Uses: Present Residence

Original Residence - Farm

Date of Construction c. 1775  
Source Crocker Family History & Barnstable County Registry of Deeds

Style/Form One & a half story full Cape

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Interior Material:

Foundation Stone and cement (low)

Wall/Trim Wood shingle

Roof Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn remodeled for family vacation use; garage, carpenter shed, woodshed

Major Alterations (with dates) 4/90-4/91

Other alterations - see attachment

Condition Good

Moved  no  yes Date Barn - 1963  
Garage - 1990

Acreage 2+

Setting Semi-rural



Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date (month/day/year) May 1992



## 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 story and a half full Cape has shallow pitched gable roofs. The large chimney through the roof peak is centrally located and the front door in the center of the southwest facade is in line with the chimney. There are two sets of windows on each side of the front door with 6/6 moderate size panes. The NE roof had dormers added. The original one story ell off the NE required complete replacement which now includes a full basement, entrance hall and bedroom. The original house cellar has fieldstone walls with tree trunk floor beams. The profile of the original house has been maintained by careful planning and interest by the owners in historical preservation

See attached 1

### 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 present owner of the Issac Crocker<sup>5</sup> House and property is a descendant<sup>10</sup> of Deacon William Crocker<sup>1</sup> (1612?-1692), who was a First Comer to Barnstable, had a large land grant in West Barnstable, was said to have led an exemplary and pious life and became prominent, prosperous and respected by all.

Eleazer Crocker<sup>2</sup> and Nathan Crocker<sup>3</sup> lived in the old stone fort on Willow Street, West barnstable and Isaac Crocker<sup>4</sup> had a farm of eight acres off Newtown Road, Marstons Mills that had been purchased by his son Isaac Crocker<sup>5</sup> and sold in 1798. Isaac Crocker<sup>5</sup>, b. 1746 - d. 1832, a carpenter by trade, probably built the house by Round Pond, Marstons Mills, (c. 1775). In 1767 he married his first wife Lydia Hamlin, daughter of John and Jerusha Hamlin, who drowned in Osterville Bay in 1809. His second wife's name was Phebe.

Isaac Crocker's son, Shubael H. Crocker<sup>6</sup>, b. 1779 - d. 1846, purchased the homestead Round Pond farm in 1832. His will probated in 1847 left the property to his son Wilson Crocker<sup>7</sup>, b. 1808 - d. 1885. In 1903 Henry E. Crocker of New York and Charles W. Crocker of Willmette, Illinois, deeded  
(con't)

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

Trayser, Donald G., Barnstable-Three Centuries of a Cape Cod Town, 1939  
Otis, Amos, Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families, 1888  
Barnstable County Atlases, 1858 and 1880  
Registry of Deeds, Barnstable County  
Registry of Probate, Barnstable County  
1992 Interior Tour of house and history by Joan Vos and by the owners,  
H. Seely and Anne M. Thomas

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



INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable Marstons Mills	Form No:
Property Name: Isaac Crocker <sup>5</sup>	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Historical Narrative - (con't)

all interest in real estate of late father Wilson Crocker<sup>7</sup> To Nelson W. Crocker<sup>8</sup>. He died in 1914 and his probate of 1916 listed heirs Cornelia P. Crocker<sup>9</sup> and Allen H. Crocker<sup>9</sup>. In 1949 and 1950 their probates listed the Round Pond farm in their inventories and in 1950 Bessie L. Crocker and Lillian Crocker Brown deeded all of their interest in the Round Pond farm to Catherine Crocker Thomas<sup>9</sup>. The property was deeded to Sarah E. Thomas<sup>10</sup>, H. Seely Thomas, Jr.<sup>10</sup>, Joan T. Vos<sup>10</sup> and Marion T. Hickman<sup>10</sup> in 1970 by Catherine Crocker Thomas<sup>9</sup> and in 1988 the property was acquired by deed and 1990 L.C. by H. Seely Thomas, Jr.<sup>10</sup>

This Cape style story and a half farm house is a fine example of restoration with concern for its historic past and is still owned by a descendant of Isaac Crocker.

Bibliography and/or References, con't

- Attachment
1. Chronological order of installation of services and renovations.
  2. Amos Otis - pages 208,209,210,211,217,218,244 and 245.
  3. Isaac Crocker<sup>5</sup> deed Year 1798, Bk. 1-299.
  4. Shubael Hamblin Crocker will of 1845.
  5. A memorial to Chrles W. Crocker (1842-1913), 4 pages

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

