

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address: 1720 South County Road

Historic Name: Crellin Homestead

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Single family residence

Date of Construction: 1937

Source: Barnstable deed 526/340; Assessor's card

Style/Form: Colonial revival

Architect/Builder: Stephen Crellin

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Poured concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Two-car garage southeast.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Porch enclosed.

Condition:

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1.81 acres

Setting: Rural/suburban, on major secondary road.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): September, 2009

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

1720 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD,
MARSTONS MILLS, BARNSTABLE

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

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

A two-story side-gabled Colonial Revival frame building, with centered gabled entry porch resting on two large round columns with simple capitals. It is clad in cedar shingle with white trim and black shutters. The poured concrete foundation 24 x 32 has a 10 x 18 enclosed porch on the south side, and a brick chimney rising between the porch and the south side. A two-car garage under gable roof lies to the southeast.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was constructed on a parcel of vacant land that had been bought from Elizabeth (Baird) Hinckley (1868-1946) in March 1937. She was widow of P.B. "Barney" Hinckley (1847-1932) (Luther⁷, Enoch⁶, Edmund⁵, Benjamin³⁻⁴, Samuel¹⁻²), who inherited the land that the Hinckleys had occupied since colonial times. This house was built by Stephen Crellin (1881-1972), born on the Isle of Man, a gardener for the estate of Edward Kirk Davis, across the street, and caretaker of estates on Oyster Harbors. Crellin maintained a beautiful garden on the property. In 1944 another small piece of land was bought from Hinckley. After the death of his wife Marion Bryan Crellin (1878-1963), it was sold to Carl F. and Maryanne Davis. He was a cook at the Craigville Beach Club. They sold off a lot on the south side with the swamp to Edward and Edith Fisk. Two years later the house was sold to the current owners, Peter P. Cook Jr. and Gail S. Cook (b. 1939) of Centerville. Cook was the son of the owner of Quail Hollow farm in Sandwich. In 1959 the Cooks began a marine contracting business building docks, seawalls and jetties, quartered at Rogers & Marney's Romar on the corner of Falmouth Rd. and Osterville-West Barnstable Rd.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, deeds 526/340, 618/251, 1186/78, 1300/1050, 1313/195; plan 173/155.
Town of Barnstable vital records.
Interviews with owner Gail Cook 27 Sept. 2009, former neighbors Holbrook Davis, Gretchen Perry 28 Sept. 2009.
Hinckley family Bible with Gretchen Perry.