

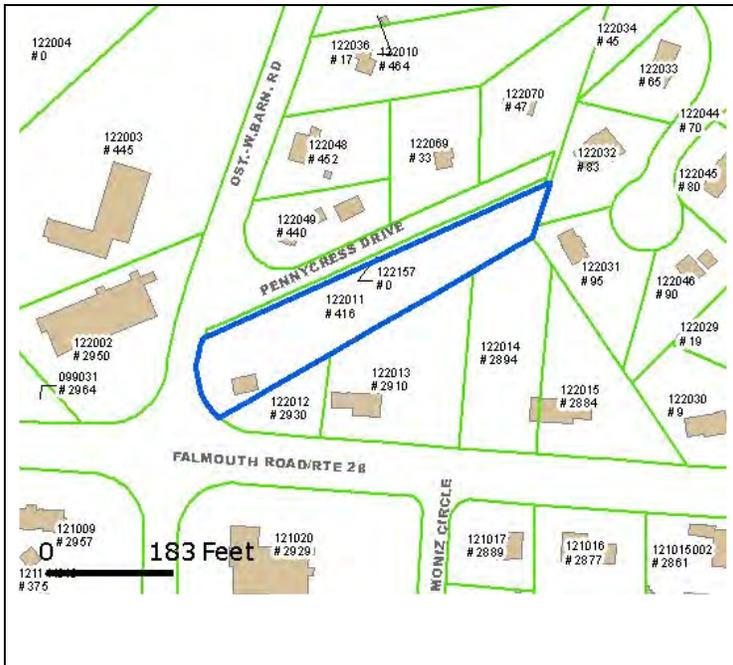
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Address: 416 Osterville-West Barnstable Road

Historic Name: Pyy House

Uses: Present: Residence

Original: Residence

Date of Construction: 1931

Source: Barnstable Deed 483/396

Style/Form: Minimal gable-ended cottage

Architect/Builder: Manual Moniz, William Pyy

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Poured cement

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

None

Condition: Close to original

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

Acreage: 0.84 Acres

Setting: NE corner of major intersection of two arterial roads.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

416 OSTERVILLE-W. BARNSTABLE 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:

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

This house is a one story minimal gable-fronted cottage measuring 21 x 33, the same as other bungalows which this builder was constructing in the area, particularly on Cammett Road. Unlike the bungalows there is no decorative element such as a porch. It is simply clad in cedar shingle with white trim and shutters, and roofed with asphalt-composition shingles.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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 Pyy house was built in 1931 by the Marstons Mills builder Manuel Moniz (1897-1980), who built a series of bungalows on Cammett Rd., half a mile to the west of this, and later developed the area of Moniz Circle on the southwest corner of this intersection. In the following year the town of Barnstable paved the Osterville-West Barnstable Rd., taking a small part of the front of the property.

An acre of land had been cut off of the five acre property which Nestor Aalto had bought in 1926 from Frances and Minnie Baxter, the owners of extensive holdings of farm and woodland in the area. Aalto sold the land at once to another Finn, Onni Saari, who sold the acre to a third Finn, "Bill" William John Pyy (1903-54) in 1931.

Pyy was a carpenter who helped Moniz build this house for him. Pyy and his wife Lilian Frances Childs (1906-44) lived here where they raised three sons, Richard (b. 1931), Phyllis (b. 1936) and Roger (b. 1938). During World War II Bill was a glider pilot. His wife Lilian died during the war, after which Pyy moved to Harwich, where he died.

In 1947 he sold the house to the dairyman Hilding S. Hord (1885-1964), whose farm and home two miles were northwest of this on Race Lane. Hord bought it to house his herdsman. On Hord's death in 1964 his daughter lived here. In 1977 Hilding's son Norman E. (b. 1922) bought out the interests of the other heirs. It is currently owned by Norman and rented.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds: Deeds 428/373, 432/1676, 461/575, 469/443-4, 479/284, 483/398, 449, 669/145, 2549/325.
Interview with builder's daughter Loyse Perry 17 March 2008, first owner's nephew Gordon Pyy 26 March 2008, owner Norman Hord 27 March 2008.