

FORM B – BUILDING

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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

Address 1593 South County Road

Historic Name Bremner Bungalow

Uses: Present Residence

Original Residence

Date of Construction 1922

Source Barnstable County Deeds 386-322, 376-524

Style/Form Craftsman Bungalow

Architect/Builder Unknown; probably local

Exterior Material:

Wall/Trim Cedar shingle

Roof Composition shingle

Foundation Poured Concrete

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Garage NW

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

Solar room added 1984;

Garage 1986;

Sunroom added on south side c. 1993.

Front porch enclosed and front door closed off, c. 2000.

Condition Somewhat altered from original

Moved No Yes **Date**

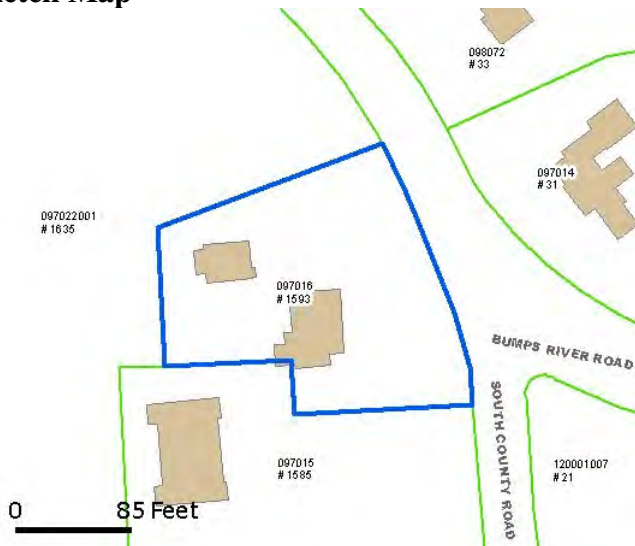
Acreage 0.77 acres

Setting Rural, at junction of ancient road to Centerville (now Bumps River Road) and South County Road, connecting Marstons Mills and Osterville.

Photograph



Sketch Map



Recorded by James W. Gould

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*) August, 2008

E-62A**1593 South County Road, Marstons Mills, Barnstable****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 one-story side-gabled Craftsman style bungalow, measuring 44 x 24 feet, with front porch fully enclosed and a shed dormer above. A greenhouse has been added at the south end. The exterior is shingle clad, with cream trim.

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.

This was the smallest of three buildings, two houses and a garage, built on 2 1/3 acres for Osterville landscaper Alexander N. Bremner (d. 1962), and his wife Elizabeth Glancy, in 1922. The land without buildings was bought by Bremner in 1922 from the sisters Frances and Minerva Baxter (Deed 386-322). It lay west of the junction of South County Road and the west end of the ancient road from Marstons Mills to Centerville, now known as Bumps River Road. Bremner was also a coal dealer in 1926-7. At Christmas, 1928, he played Santa Claus at Marstons Mills Liberty Hall. In the summer of 1929, Bremner rented his house and moved to "a portable house" across the road.

At the end of 1929, Bremner sold this house, its neighbor to the north, and the garage in between to his neighbor, Edward K. Davis (Deed 470-152) and moved to Chatham. Davis's chauffeur, Thomas Bertram Fuller (1895-1973) lived here from 1930 to 1972.

In the late seventies, it was rented to carpenter John T. Blokker (b. 1936) and his wife, Pauline, a nurse (b. 1946), who purchased the house from the Davis estate in 1978 for \$35,500 (LC C73934). Blokker added the 10' x 24' solar room in 1984, at an estimated cost of \$8,000. The 26' x 26' garage was built in 1986 for about \$13,000. A A greenhouse/sunroom was built on the south side about 1993 and the front porch enclosed about 2000.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds. Deeds 386-322, 376-524, 470-152, LC 73934, Plan 13104.

Town of Barnstable Building permits 26720 (1984), 97-106 (1986).

Interview with former owner Holbrook Davis, July, 2008, letter from former owner Joel Davis, July 28, 2008.

Barnstable Patriot, April 8, 1926, October 20, 1927, December 27, 1928, July 11, 1929.

Interviews with current owner John T. Blokker, May 22, 2008, August 7, 2008.

Interview with Robert S. Bremner, son of previous owner, August 6, 2008.

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