

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: 596 Old Falmouth Road

Historic Name: Rev. Irving Livingston Shack

Uses: Present: Single family rental unit

Original: Fishing shack

Date of Construction: 1933

Source: Barnstable deed 478/238

Style/Form: Vernacular colonial revival

Architect/Builder: Irving Livingston

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: Stained cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
None

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Winterized, 1986.

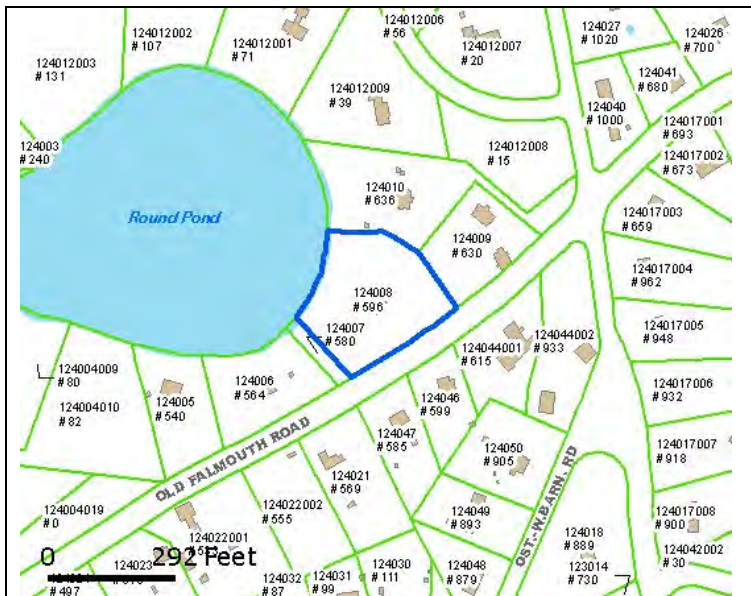
Condition: Completely altered

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

Acreage: 1.7 acres

Setting: Semi-rural, at east end of Round Pond, fronting onto busy roadway.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

596 OLD FALMOUTH 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:

This is a one story vernacular Colonial Revival cottage on 26 x 28 foundation, with a small addition on the east side. There are three bays, with centered entrance between two windows, one of which is doubled. On the south roof are two shed dormers. The exterior is cedar shingle stained gray, with white trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In 1930 a one acre lot on the west side of Round Pond was sold by Allen H. Crocker. The deed describes this as part of a field deeded by Abner Hinckley to Isaac Crocker Jr. in 1792, the record having burned, but rerecorded in 1829. Wilbur Cushing believes this was originally land of James Hamblin. The west boundary was a 174 foot "Watering Lane" from the road down to the pond, which is now a Town Way to Water.

The purchaser was Irving H. Livingston of Marstons Mills, a Baptist missionary who lived on Spring St. in Hyannis, intending this as a fishing camp. That it was built by 1933 is shown in a mortgage of Aug. 1933. It was built with remnant WPA lumber. We know nothing of Livingston's origin except that his mother Grace Livingston lived in Queens NY and he had a daughter Grace Livingston. He first appeared in Osterville in 1927 when he led fellowship meetings at the Baptist church. His wife Mabel R. Ormsby (1898-1976) was the daughter of Ada Ormsby who lived on the south side of the Pamet River in Truro. The Livingstons bought land in Harwich in 1953 where they moved until her death.

Meanwhile, during World War II (1944) the Livingstons sold this shack to Charles and Mildred Farah of Rockland. It is not known whether they made any changes before they sold it in 1959 to Marie (or Mary) G. Elmore (ca. 1892-1980) of East Boston. It was in bad shape at this time. She was the only woman telephone supervisor for Bell Telephone in Boston, and came here in summers from her home in Melrose. In 1986 it was winterized with new flooring. It was inherited by her sister "Nellie" Eleanor F. McAdams (1890-1990), then by her grandchildren John M. Elmore and his wife Geraldine who paid the estate \$120,000 in 1992.

The house was sold in 2005 for \$463,000 to the current owners, builder Edward J. Morgan (b. 1959) and his wife, college instructor Debora R. (b. 1956) Morgan, who live next door at #636 Old Falmouth Rd. In 2005 he installed new windows, doors and shingles at an estimated cost of \$20,000. It is currently rented to tenants.

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Town of Barnstable building permit 89103.

Barnstable Patriot 15 Dec. 1927, 20 Oct. 1928, 16 May 1929, 1 Oct. 1930.

Town of Barnstable vital records.

Interviews with owners Ed and Debora Morgan 15 May 2009, Eleanor Collins granddaughter of Marie Elmore 21 May 2009, local historian Wilbur Cushing 22 May 2009.