

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Photograph



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Address: 1000 Osterville-West Barnstable Road

Historic Name: Gardner's Plumbing Shop

Uses: Present: Pottery shop

Original: Plumbing shop

Date of Construction: c. 1910

Source: Deeds 268/360, 269/360; Walker Atlas 1908

Style/Form: Vernacular

Architect/Builder: Frank Gardner

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

This is an outbuilding of a residence at this address.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Moved and placed on new foundation.

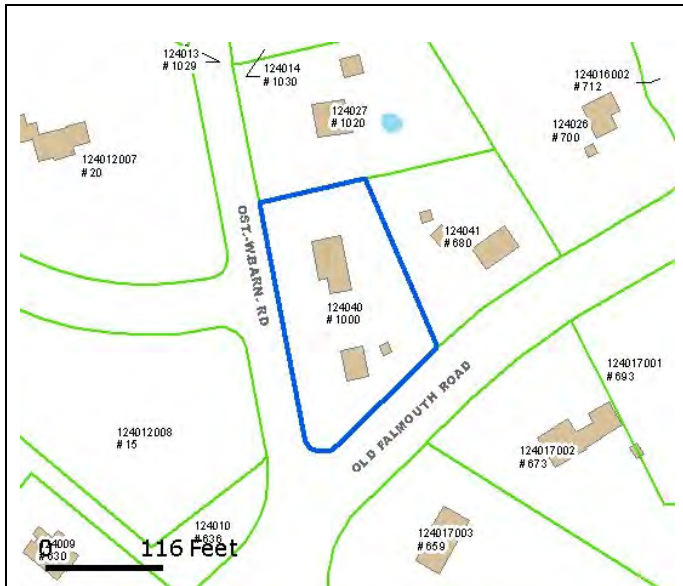
Condition: Close to original

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

Acreage: 0.66 acres

Setting: North corner of busy crossroad in semi-rural area.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society,
Barnstable Historical Commission

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 is a one story gabled wooden workshop, on a rectangle of concrete blocks. The walls are uninsulated, clad in unpainted cedar shingle. The entry door is centered in the front between two double hung windows. There are double hung windows on the gable ends, a pair north, one on the south side. An open staircase without risers leads to the garret. At the exterior of the gable ends are small windows with shutters.

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 shop was built after 1908 in Osterville, on the east side of Main St. going toward West Barnstable, on the southeast corner of what is now Blossom Av. (#920 Main) next to the house built in 1903 by Frank B(earse) Gardner (1875-1950), which was moved to 6 Lovell's Lane in Marstons Mills. The shed was probably built by Gardner, who had built a piazza for his father's house in Centerville. In 1904 he married Elsie⁸ Rawson Hallett (1884-1948), daughter of the Osterville plumber Granville⁷ Webster Hallett (son of James⁶ Hallett of Marstons Mills; (Harvey⁵, William⁴, Jonathan³, David², Jonathan¹) and Cora A. Parker. They had two children, plumber Hallett Bradford Gardner (1907-1989) who married Doris Louise Jones of Centerville, and Elise Franklyn Gardner (1909-1964) who married Harland Clayton Wheeler of Osterville. Frank bought the cleared lot in 1902 from Eugene F. Blossom and in 1904 got a mortgage from Charles E. Hinckley for \$1200, which probably represents the cost of the house. The Atlas of 1908, which shows neighboring outbuildings, shows none on the Gardner property, but the style of the shed suggests that it was built soon afterward.

Frank went to work with his father-in-law as a plumber, and installed the heating and ventilation for the new Osterville school in 1913, a job on which Hallett did the plumbing. Norman Williams and Cecil Goodspeed are among the village residents who worked for him. In 1930 his ads read: "Frank B. Gardner, Plumbing and Heating/pumps and oil burners" with the motto "Of course we believe in Cape Cod".

In 1936 Gardner gave the house and buildings to his only son, plumber Hallett, who gave it back in 1942, but inherited it on his father's death in 1950. Retiring to Port Charlotte FL, Hallett sold it in 1974 for \$56,000 to local builder Charles Rogers and Arthur F. Clark. In 1984 they built a condominium at what is now #920 Main St.

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Historical Narrative, cont'd:

The shop was moved in 1981 by Robert Hayden Sr. of Cotuit and placed on a concrete block foundation on the present site, known as "Crocker Field", for the family that farmed to the west around Round Pond. The building was placed on the west side of the Skunknet River that had belonged to the cranberry grower Edwin⁸ T. Howland (1847-1918), (Nathaniel⁷, John⁶, David⁵, John⁴, Isaac³, John²⁻¹ the Mayflower passenger), and inherited by his maiden sister Martha T. Howland (1846-1943). Their sole heir was their brother Darius's daughter Elizabeth H. Titus of Newton, wife of Boston lawyer Percy H. Titus. The property and house remained in Titus's name, when she sold it in 1947 to the prominent West Yarmouth lawyer and banker A. Harold Castonguay (1905-79). He sold it in 1948 to the developer Edwin Ross Trafton (1912-1976) of Swampscott, who subdivided the Howland property north of the crossroads. In 1972 Trafton sold the two lots at the corner to Ernest R. Glover for \$7000. Glover soon sold it to George A. Johnson and his wife Signe of West Barnstable. In 1976 they sold it for \$7500 to Arthur W. Spencer and his wife Andrea who built the house to the north.

In 1981 the Spencers sold it to Yarmouth antique dealer Richard G. MacEachern for \$55,000. He had Robert Hayden Jr. move the shop from the Osterville site. MacEachern failed to get a permit for an antique shop. He and his wife Maureen sold it with the house for \$72,000 in 1986 to the current owners, Ronald E. Dean (b. 1948) and his wife Louise Bull (b. 1949). He uses it as a pottery shed, with his kiln in the garage next to the house. She is a dog groomer.