

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	35



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 91 Hilltop Drive

Historic Name Week's Homestead

Use: Present dwelling

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date c1838

Source Registry of Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric vinal siding

Outbuildings att. garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

vinal siding 1980's

Moved no Date _____

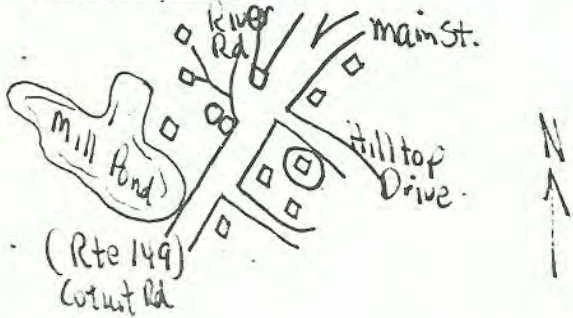
Approx. acreage .89 077/010

Setting village center; hilltop over-

looking

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Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Weeks Homestead is a rather unusual local example of the Greek Revival style which has unfortunately been altered by a recent application of vinyl siding. It is a 1½ story cottage facing gable end to the street; it extends back for two bays, and then is continued by a one story rear ell. An entry, with sidelight and rectangular transom surround is flanked by two windows to the west and by a blank wall to the east. At the attic level, two standard windows are flanked by small square windows. Thus the cottage represents a hybrid between traditional examples and the new sidehall Greek Revival types. It stands on an elevated site, well back from the street (Cotuit Rd./Rte. 149).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

See continuation sheet

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WEEKS HOUSE - MARSTONS MILLS, MASS.

On Mar. 26, 1838 Allen Marston (grandson of Benjamin, the first Marston to settle in this area), sold to Evander White land adjoining his own homestead and extending along the (Main) highway as far as 10' from the Methodist Meeting House lot. This contained $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres. No house is mentioned in this deed.

Evander White, a shipwright, of whom little else was learned, must have built the house because on Oct. 6, 1841, he sold "my homestead in Marstons Mills" to Capt. Benjamin C. Weeks, Master Mariner, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres with "the dwelling house and other buildings thereon."

Benjamin C. did not live there for very long. On Mar. 6, 1843 he sold "my homestead" to his brother, Robinson Weeks, Blacksmith, for \$750.00. Robinson had been married only a year or so before this, to Sylvia Lovell, daughter of Ezra Lovell of Marstons Mills. Here he built a blacksmith shop on the property and plied his trade. Here they lived for many years. Six children were born to them, only one of whom lived to adulthood. He was William Marston Weeks (named after his uncle, William Marston), born 1859.

Sylvia Weeks died Feb. 10, 1903 and Robinson died Oct. 26, 1904. William M. was their only heir. William M. was married in Boston in 1880 to Mina T. _____ and they had only one child, a son, William Robinson Weeks who was born about 1881. William M. went into the ministry and probably ~~served~~^{served} several parish churches. Little is known about him as this family did not live at the house being documented except as a summer home and other incidental periods. It was rented out from time to time.

In Sept. 1910 William M. Weeks went west and became the pastor of the Congregational Church in Shullsburg, Territory of Wisconsin. In Oct., 1913 he divorced Mina T. as she would not join him in Wisconsin. As part of the divorce settlement, the old Weeks Homestead property in Marstons Mills was put into trust for William Robinson Weeks who finally received it in 1915. William R. and his mother used the house from time to time, (Mina's residence being in Somerville, Mass.), and it was again rented out during other periods.

On Oct. 10, 1947, William R. Weeks sold to George H. Lapham this house. He made some repairs to the place to make it a more comfortable home. On Sept. 4, 1952 Mr. Lapham sold to Artemas G. and Gertrude L. Griffin. Interestingly enough, this deed uses the same old boundary description as the 1841 deed. The house was then used as a dance studio by Betty Griffin, their daughter, and was then again rented out.

On June 29, 1964 Frank and Catherine M. Dick purchased a part of the property, that on which the house and garage ~~was~~ located. They are the present owners.