

**FORM B - BUILDING**

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	10

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Location Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 105 River Road

Historic Name Arthur Marston House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

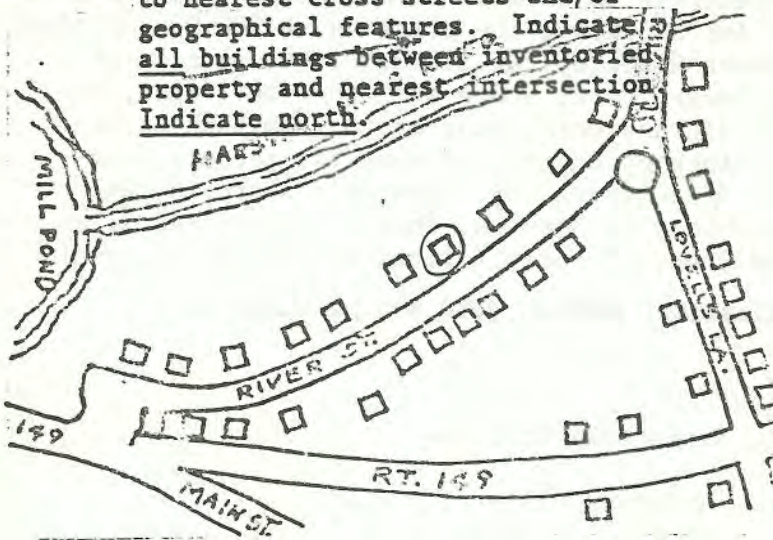
**DESCRIPTION:**

Date c. 1819

Source County Registry

Style vernacular cottage

to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn, woodshed

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

none

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 1.25

Setting residential village area

Recorded by Hazel Meyer

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1983 revised 1985

Photo #57-9-A10

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

The Marston House is a 1½ story cottage extended by what appears to be a recent side ell. It is enclosed by a gable roof with offset shed roof dormer. The three bay facade is centered around an entry with enclosed porch. Windows have simple frames and contain 6/6 sash.

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

In 1961, Allen Pierce purchased from his mother Helen, four parcels of land, with buildings as well as another parcel. In 1942 Mrs. Pierce bought four parcels from the Town of Barnstable that the Town had received from Lillie Backus in 1941. The land with the house was Parcel I in the 1941 deed. Mrs. Backus deed her property to the Town in exchange for "Old Age Assistance" and a stone on her grave. She died in 1947. In 1882 Lillie Backus purchased in her own right free of control of present or future husband, 1¼ acre with dwelling house formerly owned by Eunice McCallum, wife of Henry McCallum, physician, received one acre with dwelling and barn from her father Reuben Fish in 1853. Mrs. McCallum purchased an adjoining 50 rods from Arthur Marston in 1869. Reuben Fish, the elder, acquired the property from Thomas Jackson, physician in 1847. Dr. Jackson bought the holding in 1845 from Timothy Percival for \$600.00; the deed included a clause "reserving to the owners of the Fulling Mill....the rights reserved to them in former deeds". In 1840 when Mr. Percival purchased the property from Asa Hinckley, the price was \$1200.00 including "also the store thereon". Asa bought from Albert Hinckley for \$1000.00, two parcels of land; Parcel I was of "one acre with dwelling house, barn, store and other buildigns, reserving to owners of fulling mill...."right to dig and carry away earth from bank on SW side of said land for repair of dam". Albert Hinckley bought the same two parcels from Arthur Marston in 1832. The second parcel was 5 3/4 acres, Mr. Marston's share in the division of Crosby Field in 1832 which was purchased by Marston, Robert Francis and Silas Goodspeed in 1823. In 1819 Arhur Marston and Robert Francis, clothiers, bought in equal

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES** (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

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Assessors Map 78/118  
Oral History: M/M Allen Pierce, 105 River Rd., Marstons Mills  
M/M Loring Jones, 2173 Main St., Marstons Mills

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (Marston Mills)	Form No: A-10
Property Name: Arthur Marston House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

shares, three acres of land from Clement Marston, reserving "the fulling mill standing on said conveyed land... reserved by deed of Benjamin Marston dated 7/7/1813 and former deeds reserving to John Gallison, clothier, shop and tenter bars now standing on said conveyed land". Probably each man built a house on the land at that time and in March 1829 each released to the other-in identical deeds- "all right I have in certain tract on which dwelling house stands. In May 1829, Robert Francis sells  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acre and dwelling house to Charles Goodspeed, mariner. AT the same time he sells his share of the fulling mill, dye shop and carding machine to Nathaniel Hinckley; then removed to Weatherfield, Conn. Arthur Marston sold his share of the fulling mill, buildings and store to Nathaniel Hinckley in April 1832, the same day he sold his house to Albert Hinckley. In 1813, Clement Marston, purchased from Benjamin Marston seven acres "part of said piece of land I hold by deed from John Marston, Jr. 2/24/1801 and aprt by deed of Joseph Chipman 10/10/1801 not meaning to grant to Clement the fulling mill standing on said piece of land... all which were reserved by said John Marston in afore said deed".

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