

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

Photograph



Address 296 Cammett Road

Historic Name George and Fannie Crocker House

Uses: Present Residence

Original Residence

Date of Construction 1926

Source Barnstable Deeds 437-578

Style/Form Vernacular cottage

Architect/Builder Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete block

Wall/Trim Cedar shingle

Roof Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Gabled shed to north.

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

11 x 13' addition on southeast corner

Condition Close to original

Moved No Yes Date

Acreage 1.97 acres

Setting Suburban, on edge on undeveloped woodland

Sketch Map



Recorded by James W. Gould

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*) March, 2008

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BUILDING FORM

296 Cammett Road, Marstons Mills, Barnstable

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This is an unadorned vernacular cottage of one story under a gable roof. There are two entry porches, one on the north side under a shed roof, and one west under a gabled roof. The house rests on a 24 x 24' concrete block foundation, with an 11 x 13' extension on the southeast corner. It is clad in cedar shingle with white 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 one of the first houses built on an unpaved rural road that went from West Barnstable to Osterville, called Cammett Road, in 1930. It was built on a 66,511 square foot lot bought from Emma Jones, who owned extensive acreage on both sides of the road (Deed 456-22) which she had inherited from the Phinney family. The buyer was Fannie Maude Mecarta (1876-1947), daughter of George T. and Betsy Emma (Burgess) Mecarta, whose father gave her a mortgage of \$2400, which probably represents the cost of the house and land (Deed 437-578). She had just married George Frederick Crocker, Jr. They later acquired from Emma Jones land to the north of the house. Fannie was the organist for the local Methodist church, whose organ was donated by Emma Jones.

On the death of Fannie Crocker in 1947, the executor sold the property for \$6,000 to Marvin Amer (Deed 674-244), who sold it the next year to Carlton E. and Katherine Hall of Osterville (Deed 832-312). On the death of Katherine in 1958, her husband and his sister Alice T. (Jones), wife of Joseph Michael Taglione (1922-1965) of Brockton (Deed 1026-23). Erving "Mooney Buck" (nicknamed for his round face) was a printer in South Yarmouth. In 1975, Ervine and Alice acquired the Weeks property next door to the south (#326). In 1979, Alice died and the town took #296 for \$743.38 in back taxes (Deed 2961-253). Erving relinquished title in 1979 to Laurence G. and Dorothy A. Fahey of 21 Nancy Road, Milton (Deed 3034-18). In 2002, they sold it to the current owner, Douglas A. Brown, landscaper, born 1971 (Deed 1511-317).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 437-566, 456-22, 674-244, 832-312, 1026-23, 2316-253, 3034-18.
Town of Barnstable Vital Records
Interviews with local historians Vivian and Wilbur Cushing, March 14, 2008.

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