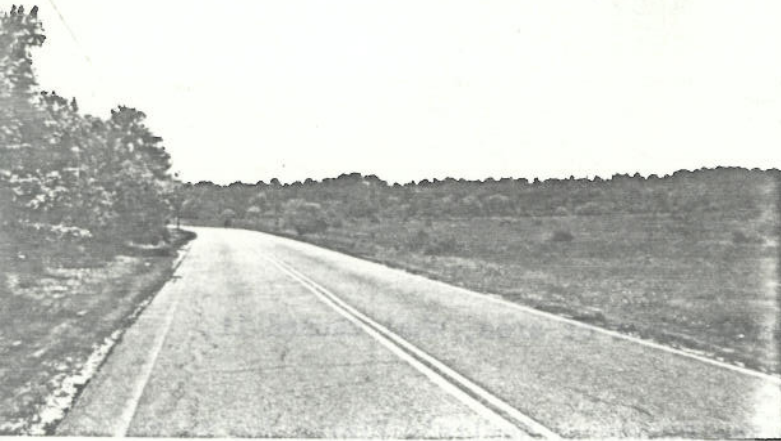


FORM A - AREA

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Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills-The Plains)

Name of area (if any) The Plains or

Hamlin's Plains

General date or period early 18th century  
to present

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

See attached map

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Date 1985

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

The Plains, which is located in northern Marstons Mills, is characterized by extremely flat topography. It is of interest primarily for its 20th century development with the Cape Cod Airport and the Barnstable County Fairgrounds. It is also the location of the innovative "Ecology House" built underground in 1973.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

This area of Marstons Mills received the name The Plains or Hamlin's Plains due to the large tract of land owned by James Hamlin during the early settlement of Barnstable. This land is located to the north and east of the Indian Ponds: Mystic, Middle and Hamlin. Major Micah Hamlin of Revolutionary fame and Gen. Joseph Hamlin who fought in the Civil War were descendents of James. Several others of the Hamlin, also spelled Hamblin, Hamlen, Hamblen, family also settled in this area (see Barnstable County Atlases 1858, 1880). The land in the area is extremely flat which made it an ideal location for the Cape Cod Airport (MMC-23) and the Barnstable County Fairgrounds (MMC-22) during the 20th century. The "Ecology House" (MMC-24) is located across Race Lane from the airport. It was built underground and designed to meet the "ecological and financial needs of today". The Ecology House is the first of its kind to be constructed on Cape Cod.

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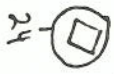
Town of Barnstable  
Village of Marstons Mills  
Area C-The Plains  
a.k.a. Hamlin'S Plains



MM C



Wheeler Rd



Cape Cod  
Airport  
23

Cotuit Road (Rte 149)

Rte 149

Site of  
Barnstable County  
Fairgrounds  
22

Columbia Ave

Willimantic Dr.

Evergreen Rd

Nelson Ln

