

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)  
Address 106 LAKE Rosa Way (off River Road)  
Historic Name Jones/Rosa/Weymouth House

Use: Present dwelling  
Original farmstead

DESCRIPTION:

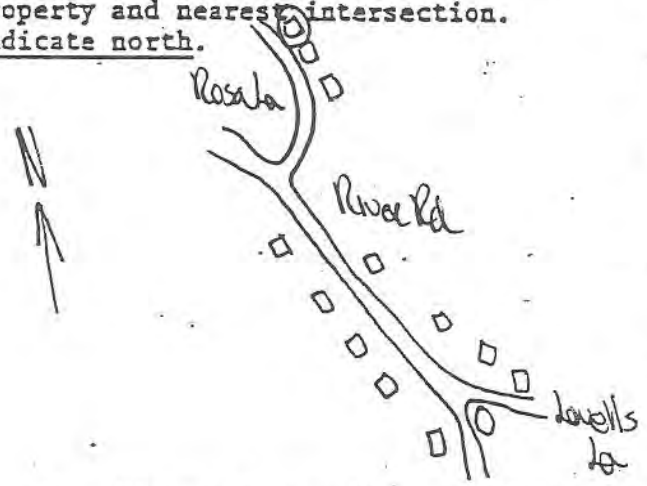
Date pre-1800  
Source Registry of Deeds

Style Georgian  
Architect unknown  
Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding  
Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
2 wings added c1915; vinyl siding added 1985 ; double facade window added c1970s.  
Moved no Date n/a  
Approx. acreage .86

SKETCH MAP

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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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.  
Date June 1986

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

Jones/Rosa/Weymouth House is a three bay, 1½ story Cape enclosed by a gable roof with central stove chimney. Dating from the late 18th century, it is extended on either side by one story wings dating from c1915. The entry is centrally located on the facade, and flanked by a single window to the north and by a paired window (mid-20th century replacement) to the south. The windows contain 2/2 sash dating from the late 19th century. The building lacks any historic trim due to the recent application of vinyl siding.

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

Continuation sheet.

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

- Barnstable County Registry of Deeds and Probate.
- Barnstable County Atlases. 1858, 1880, 1907.
- Amos. Genealogical Notes on Barnstable County Families. 1888.
- City of Barnstable, Annual Reports, Vital Records: 1892, 1948.

No deeds of record can be found at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds concerning this property before 1814. At that point in time it was owned by Joseph Lawrence of Sandwich. There are no probate records for Joseph on file either.

On Nov. 24, 1814 Joseph Lawrence, Yeoman, sold to Cornelius Jones of Barnstable, Yeoman, for \$700.00, "a farm lying in Barnstable, which is in the occupation of my son, Joseph Lawrence, and on which he lives, with the buildings thereon, containing, by estimation, 35 acres." Cornelius, son of Sylvanus Jones, had married on June 19, 1814, Maria, daughter of Jedediah Jones.

On March 16, 1833, Cornelius Jones sold to Silas F. Jones, wheelwright, for \$500.00, "my homestead in said Barnstable, being a tract of land of about 30 acres with dwelling house and small barn thereon." In December, 1846 Silas F. Jones sold to David Jones, Mariner, for \$400.00 the same property.

David Jones died Jan. 8, 1892 from meningitis, (buried in Marstons Mills Cemetery.) He was survived by his widow, Harriet M. ( ) Jones, (his second wife), and his daughter, Betsey A., wife of James A. Fish; they received the homestead, comprising some 27 acres together with house, barn and other out buildings thereon and valued at \$517.00.

On July 23, 1892 Henry M. Hodges bought the property from Betsey A. Fish for \$200.00  
On June 25, 1896 said Henry sold to Henry D. Hamblin for \$350.00.

Then on Oct. 5, 1905 Henry D. Hamblin sold to Jose de Gracie Rosa (a.k.a. Joseph Gracie Rosa) the property which was "formerly the homestead of David Jones, deceased, containing 27 acres, more or less. The Rosa family lived on this old farm for many years. At Joseph's death, his widow, Frances Gloria Rosa, received his estate, and at her death on Feb. 11, 1948, her son, John Gracie Rosa, inherited this piece of property.

On March 3, 1952 John G. Rosa sold to Manuel H. and Lena Moniz the land together with the buildings thereon. Mr. Moniz, a landscape gardener, used a large portion of this property to strip for top soil to use in his business.

On Feb. 27, 1953 Mr. Moniz and wife sold to Leslie W. and Olga Millerd, a small portion of the above 27 acres, that which the house and buildings sat, measuring 200' x 200', or approximately .86 acres. On Jan. 13, 1959 the Millerds sold this same premises to James J. and Doris M. Barry.

Irving and Grace Audrey Weymouth of Medford, Mass., purchased the above property for use as a summer home on Dec. 2, 1961 from James J. and Doris M. Barry. In 1972 the Weymouths retired to Marstons Mills to make this their permanent residence. They are the present owners of this old house.

Family tradition says that this house was built before 1800. Grandmother Frances Gloria Rosa claimed in 1749 but it is not known on what she based this statement. But the house is old. There is still bark on the rafter boards, old square headed nails and some of the boards in the roof and attic floor are 23" wide and 12' long, (per a builder who did some repair work on the place.) The house faces south east; it does not face the dirt road which cuts through the property between the house and garage. The front ell, now an enclosed porch, was an entry shed added to the house about 70 years ago. The back ell was probably added about the same time, while the Rosa family were there, and was used as a bedroom. Since the Weymouth came to make it their home they have done many small improvements to the place to make it more comfortable. The house, for many years painted a brick red, was given a white vinyl siding in 1985.