

FORM B - BUILDING

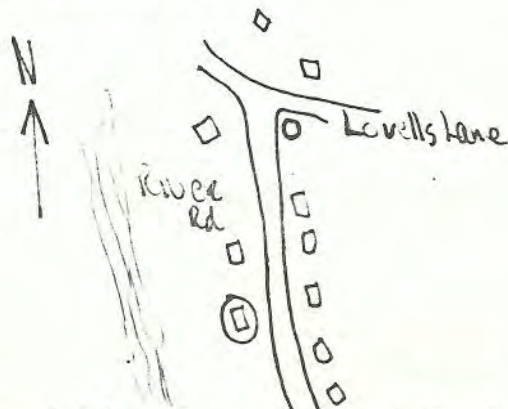
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SKETCH MAP

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.

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Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 145 River Road

Historic Name Ansel B. Fuller House

Use: Present dwelling

Original _____

DESCRIPTION:

Date pre-1856

Source Registry of Deeds; atlases

Style vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn

Major alterations (with dates) _____

front porch c1880

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage .76 059/005

Setting rural residential, adjacent to

Marstons Mills River

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

The Fuller House is a simple four bay 1½ story house enclosed by a gable roof with central chimney. Wall dormers rise through the roof on the facade. Windows are simply framed and contain 2/2 sash. A gabled entrance porch, which appears to date from the late 19th century, shelters the entry.

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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The oldest deed on record which can be pin-pointed as referring to the property being documented is dated 1856 in which Reuben Nickerson, 2nd and wife Lydia K. of Provincetown, for \$50.00, give all their right and title to a piece of land situated in the westerly part of Barnstable containing 1/2 and acre and dwelling house to Ansel B. Fuller. However, the 1858 map shows Ansel B. already in possession of this house. Since most of the land in this area was held by various members of the Goodspeed family, he probably got this property from one of them.

On Mar. 15, 1889 Ansel B. Fuller sold to Lydia G. Cobb, wife of William H. Cobb of Braintree, in her own right, "A certain piece of cleared land with dwelling house, barn and all buildings standing on same and situated in the village of Marstons Mills.... the homestead I now occupy." Lydia G. was his daughter. Acreage given as 1/4 acre.

Ansel B. Fuller died Feb. 8, 1892 in his 84th year. On April 18, 1898 Lydia G. Cobb and Sophia (Goodspeed) Fuller, widow of Ansel, sold the homestead and 1/4 acre to Andrew J. Bodge.

Andrew J. Bodge died Aug. 7, 1912. He left to his second wife, Christina H. (Crosby) Bodge, the estate and homestead for her natural life; Christina, who had previously been married to Warren F. Hamblin, deceased, deeded this same property to her step-son, George E. Bodge on Feb. 6, 1913.

On May 8, 1916 George E. Bodge sold this property -- still 1/4 acre with dwelling house, barn and other buildings, -- to Ephraim L. Jones, although he never lived in this house himself.

On May 14, 1919 Ephraim L. Jones sold to his son, Loring Goodspeed Jones (Sr.). Loring and his wife, Ada H. (Fuller) Jones lived in this house for many years, their 4 youngest children being born there. Loring G. was one of the enterprising men of the village in his time. Among his ventures were the operation of the store in the village center and the dealerships of several makes of automobiles at various times. Loring G. died July 14, 1974, leaving his estate to his widow who continued to live in the house until failing health required that she go into a nursing home. She died Oct. 28, 1983, leaving the property to her children as her heirs.

On Oct. 17, 1984 this same 1/4 acre with dwelling house and barn, was sold to Bruce H. Childs, son of Persis G. (Jones) and the late Howard Ernest Childs. (He is a grandson of Loring G. and Ada Jones.) He is the present owner.

The barn still on the property is very old and may be the same as mentioned in the earliest deeds. The Loring G. Jones's remodeled the second floor into an apartment at some time after 1948 when their youngest child was married and all the children had left the nest.