

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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## Photograph



**Town:** Barnstable

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

**Address:** 2045 Main Street

**Historic Name:** Warren Hallett House

**Uses: Present:** Single family residence

Original: Single family residence (rental)

**Date of Construction:** 1931

**Source:** Assessor's card

**Style/Form:** Vernacular

**Architect/Builder:** Warren Hallett

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Cement block

Wall/Trim: Clapboard

Roof: Composition shingle

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Two car garage NW

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

10 feet added to west side; 10 feet added to north.

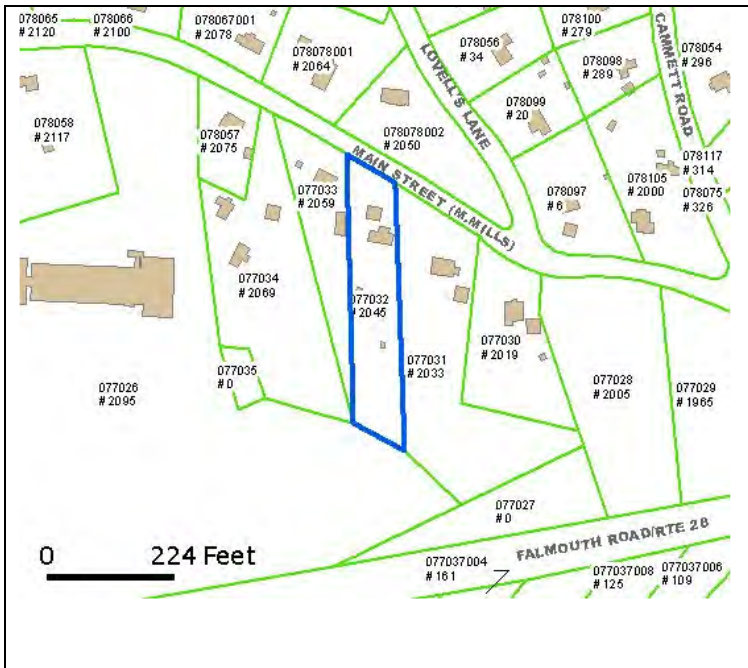
**Condition:** Expanded

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.93 acres

**Setting:** At east end of village center.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** J. W. Gould

**Organization:** Marstons Mills Historical Society,  
Barnstable Historical Commission

**Date (month / year):** June, 2009

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

2045 MAIN STREET, MARSTONS MILLS  
BARNSTABLE

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

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

This is a one-story vernacular cottage on 18' x 32' cement block foundation, with 10' x 18' extension to the east, and 10' x 16' extension northward. The entrance is on the east extension, which presents a bay window on its north end. The north extension has triple windows facing north. The exterior is clad in brownish-gray clapboard. The roof is composition shingle. The sole outbuilding lying NW toward the street is a two car garage 20 x 24.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*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.*

Cyrus Jones sold an empty lot here in 1922 to cranberry farmer Carlton<sup>8</sup> Curtis Hallett (1864-1934; James<sup>7</sup>, Edmund<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Rowland<sup>4</sup>, Seth<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>). He lived in Pondsville, and does not appear to have ever lived here. In 1931 a small 18' x 32' shack was built here, perhaps by Carlton's son Warren<sup>9</sup> Curtis Hallett (1898-1962). The house does not show in the inventory of Carlton's estate

Warren "Pea-leg" Hallett was a rural mail carrier. As his father's sole heir he inherited a substantial estate, including the 16 acre "Newtown" cranberry bog at the head of the Marstons Mills River, and a neighboring seven acre bog, as well as the family home in Pondsville. He never married. He sold the Newtown bog in 1939 to A.D. Makepeace, and part of the family homestead in Pondsville to Lincoln Filene.

In 1946 he sold this house to John V. Walo (1915-2002), described by a local resident as "one of the best shellfishermen out there". He was born in Finntown, the Suomi settlement in West Barnstable. He made the two additions to the house. The garage was built in 1978. After his death his wife Marion (b. 1921 nee Bearse) sold the house for \$246,000 to the current owners, electrician Rex A. and Abby Wood Burger of Yarmouth; both are employed by Brewer Electric Co.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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