

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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Town Barnstable

Place (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address 3635 Falmouth Road/Route 28

Historic Name Prof. James Metivier House

Uses: Present Summer home

Original Summer home

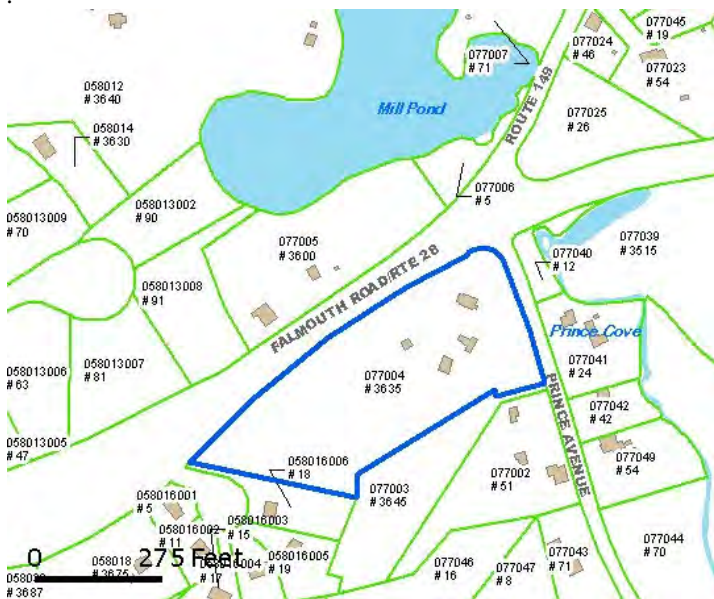
Date of Construction 1923

Source Metivier Family History by daughter, Renee M Black; Frank Waterhouse, grandson.

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder Unknown, probably local builder such as Charles Hamblin

Sketch Map



Exterior Material:

Foundation Poured concrete

Wall/Trim Red cedar shingle

Roof Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Three:
1) Cottage, NW, 2) Boathouse, NNW,
3) Cottage, N.

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

North porch enclosed c. 1930; second story added to N porch c. 1932.

Recorded by James W. Gould

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*) August, 2008

Condition Close to original

Moved No Yes **Date**

Acreage 4.8 acres

Setting On wooded hill south of Mill Pond, at SW junction of Prince Avenue and Route 28.

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3635 Falmouth 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 a two-story colonial revival style house, side-gabled, on a 21 x 30' poured concrete foundation (perhaps the first such in this area). The exterior is given an appearance of a gambrel roof by false trim on the south gable, and an apron between floors. Originally, there were porches with shed roofs on each gable end; the northern one was enclosed about 1930, and a second story added shortly after. The principal entry is on the west gable under a gabled porch. The red cedar shingle cladding is original, but the roof was replaced by composition shingle in 1986.

There are three outbuildings: 1) "The Cottage", a shingled, one-story, gabled garage built in 1924, with two additions at the rear; on the east is the library; on the west a glassed in porch added after 1935; 2) the boathouse, a one-story, gabled shed; 3) "The Hut", originally a garage built in the fifties, converted to a cottage with bath and porch.

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.

The house was built as a retirement home and study for Professor James Metivier (pronounced "Met-eev-ee-ay"), on his retirement as professor of French at Clark University. He chose this location so he could walk to the village store and post office. He was born in 1853, at St. Helier on the British Isle of Jersey, where his ancestors had been exiled after the Edict of Nantes in 1598. His family came to Boston in 1863, where he was educated at Boston Latin School, Exeter, and Harvard, where he graduated in 1877, in the class of A. Lawrence Lowell, later President of Harvard and resident of Cotuit. Metivier taught French at Harvard and at private schools such as Brown & Nichols, Volkman School, Stone School and New Church School. In 1883, he had bought 73 acres at Cedar Tree Landing on North Bay, where he built a summer house, "Silver Oaks" (see Cotuit inventory OP 39 for 1075 Old Post Road).

Meanwhile, in 1889, Metivier bought the 100 acres on which this house was built, lying between Cedar Tree Road and the main highway from Marstons Mills to Cotuit. He paid John J. Backus \$450 for the land, unbuilt upon. The deed specifically excluded three neighboring properties: the lot where the Prince Marston's brick house stood, and the David Fish and W. B. Sprague homesteads (Deeds 172-73, 186-89). The land south of the power line, which ran between the junction of Routes 28 and 149 to what is now called Old Post Road, was sold in 1926 to William Ambler of Boston, who turned it over quickly (Deeds 430-320, 440-387).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 172-73, 186-89, 268-399, 428-112, 430-318, 430-320, 430-387, 479-284, 977—115, 1024-42, 1411-97, 2820-306; Plan 328-3; Probate 25247.

MHC Form B Inventory for 1075 Old Post Road, Cotuit, MA, OP-39.

Renee Metivier Black, "Metivier Family History", typescript, c. 1993.

Interviews with owners Frank and Lillian Waterhouse, August 18, 2008 and September 1, 1993.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town

Property Address

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In 1882, James married Caroline Wellington (1852-1935), of Lexington, to whom he deeded the house and remaining 20 acres in 1925 (Deed 428-113). She gave one acre to her daughter, Jacqueline Easter, in 1927 (Deed 443-123). When state highway 28 was built in 1928, the state paid \$75 for 14,150 feet of land taken on the north side. Caroline died in 1935 and was buried with her husband in a large vault in the Marstons Mills cemetery.

The house was inherited by the four children, Marie Waterhouse (1882-1961), Marguerite "Marjorie" Metivier (d. 1945), professor of French at Wheaton College, Renee Black, wife of Frank G. Black of the University of Oregon, and Jacqueline Easter (1888-1971). In 1957, Marjorie, Renee and Jacqueline sold the whole 20 acres for about \$12,000 to their eldest sister's nephew, "Frank", Francis Asbury Waterhouse IV (b. 1924), and his wife, Lillian Miller (b. 1926) (Deed 877-115). Frank flew B-24 planes in World War II, B-58s in the USAF, and was a pilot for Japan Airways. In 1958, they sold most of the 20 acres, which was developed in 1978 by Archibald Realty.

Frank and Lillian Waterhouse had five children: Corliss Marie Amalia (b. 1947), corporate consultant, Frank (1953-2003), computer expert, James (b. 1956), drummer, Renee Christmas (b. 1962), teacher, and Anne Chantal (b. 1966), office manager, who will inherit the house. Only Corliss has children: Rachel (Goodridge) Amalie and Jochered Cooperman Shaar.

Frank and Lillian are the current owners. The property has been in the hands of the same family for three generations.