

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: 266 Lovell's Lane

Historic Name: Fred Davis House

Uses: Present: Single family home

Original: Single family home

Date of Construction: 1930

Source: Assessor's card, Barnstable deed 603/119

Style/Form: Vernacular cottage

Architect/Builder: George T. Gifford

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Poured concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Hoop-roof garage NE.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Lifted and placed on concrete foundation, with major addition on east side, 1992.

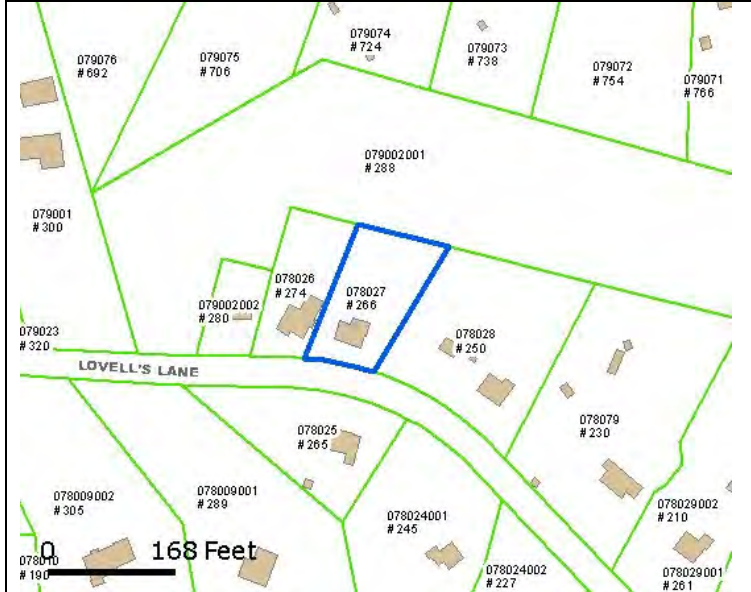
Condition: Greatly altered

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.47 acres (20,060 sq.ft.)

Setting: Semi-rural on busy road near village center, backing up to power line.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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:

This is a one story vernacular cottage on an L plan, The west end is the side gable of the original cottage, to which a gabled extension is attached. Below the east extension is a cellar garage. The exterior is clad in cedar shingle with white trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The original cottage, a two room wood-frame structure, was constructed in 1930 on the Lorenzo Gifford farm, formerly the Kleinschmidt property (1898-1919) and before that the Bodge Farm of 200 acres extending to Grigson's and Run Ponds. It was probably built by Lorenzo's son George Thomas Gifford (1915-1995). It faced south onto former Hog Alley (for the Gifford piggery), renamed Lovell's Lane. In 1941 this farm building was on 119 acres sold by Gifford to George P. Hadley for the Clear Lake Duck Farm. In 1943 Clear Lake sold a lot of about 0.8 acre with 163 feet frontage on Lovell's Lane, including this house and a chicken coop next door (see inventory for 274 Lovell's Lane). It was sold to Alfred "Fred" R. Davis (1879-1956), an employee of the duck farm, who made improvements to turn it into a residence in 1943. In 1957 his widow Lydia May White Davis (1881-1976) subdivided the lot (Plan 137/68), and sold this house on the east lot #1 to Alfred G. and Laura G. Austin of Vallejo CA. In 1978 Alfred Austin's heirs sold it to Arnold L. and Irene D. Hadfield who lived nearby at 271 River Rd. It has been the residence of their adopted son Alan Lawrence Hadfield (b. 1956). He is an automotive mechanic specializing in drag race cars, working for the blind crew chief (head mechanic) Jay Blake of Marstons Mills. He holds a trophy for the 2006 World Finals in the Alcohol Fun Car class, won at Pomona CA in a 300 hp. 2001 Dodge Avenger.

In 1992 Alan lifted the house and placed it on a concrete foundation, with a two room and two bath addition on the east side designed by Bruce Devlin at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 587/178, 603/119, 2965/109, 5992/252, Plans 21/117, 134/69.
Interview with Alan Hadfield 27 Aug. 2009, Lorenzo Gifford's grandson Robert Parker 28 Aug. 2009.
Town of Barnstable building permit 78027.