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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address: 356 Route 149

Historic Name: Robert Parker's Second House

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Single family residence

Date of Construction: 1957

Source: Barnstable deed 1059/85

Style/Form: Cape Cod Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: Robert A. Parker

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Addition on south side and garage.

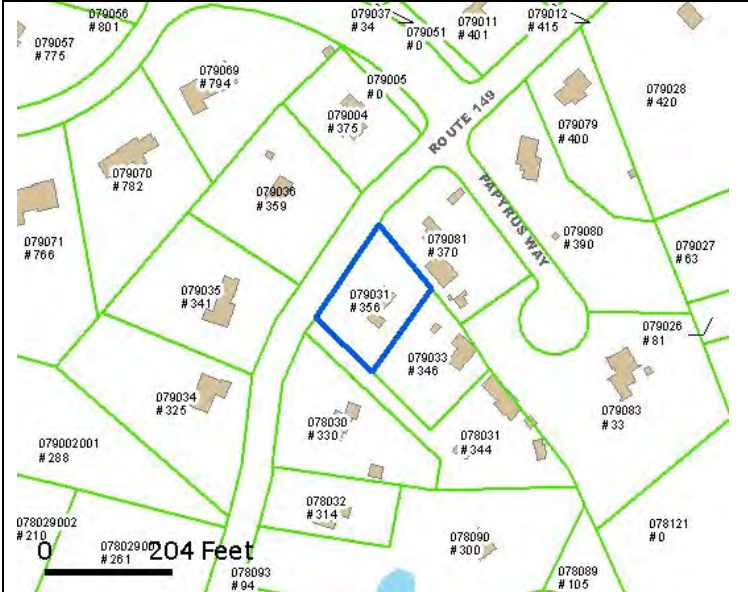
Condition: Major addition on south end.

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

Acreage: 0.47 acres (20,490 sq. ft.)

Setting: Facing state highway, close to village center.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

356 ROUTE 149,
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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:

A Cape Cod cottage Colonial Revival 32 x 22, with 10 x 12 addition on south side, and appended garage 14x 24. All are clad in cedar shingle stained gray, with white trim and slate colored shutters.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Built in 1957 by carpenter Robert Alan Parker (1908-85), married to Jean¹⁰ Louise Gifford (1912-97) (Lorenzo⁹ William⁸, Edward⁷⁻⁶, Joseph⁵⁻⁴, Gershom³, William²⁻¹), niece of US congressman Charles L. Gifford. Robert Parker ran a chicken farm next door until 1951, when the farm was struck by the poultry disease. Parker was bankrupted by the decimation of his flock, and got work on the Nickerson duck farm in Chatham for two years. Returning to Marstons Mills in 1954, Robert built this house for his family. In 1979 he subdivided the original chicken farm, and remodeled this house in 1959 for his second daughter Sandra (b. 1936) and her husband Robert Louis St. Peter (b. 1933) and their two children Cheri Louise and Donna Lee. Since 1961 it has had a succession of eight owners: Richard and Janice Howes, Richard and Joanne McCusker (1965), Loring and Patricia White (1973), Gary and Andrea Worzel (1979), Walter and Priscilla (Baker) Adams (1985), Michael E. Mahan (1988), James Feeney (2006). Many of these years it has been rented out.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 508/353, 354, 1059/85, 1110/11, 1318/414, 1525/1137, 1835/125, 2928/38, 4730/230,6130/55, 21006/130; Plan 151/83.

Interviews with daughters of Parker, Claire Melix and Linda Fermino 17 Sept. 2009.

Gifford family tree by JWGould 11 March 2006, based on Winifred Dick and Earlene MacDowell, "Descendants of Edward Gifford" (1999).