

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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~~FORM~~ 43

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Town Barnstable

Place (neighborhood or village) Marstons Mills

Old Post Rd. 43

Address 315 Baxter's Neck Rd.

Historic Name Wriston's "Windsong"

Uses: Present Residence

Original same

Date of Construction 1994

Source Plans

Style/Form Eighties Mansion

Architect/Builder Silvia & Silvia

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingle & Clapboard

Roof Cedar Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

232 foot dock to south

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition new

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 2.5

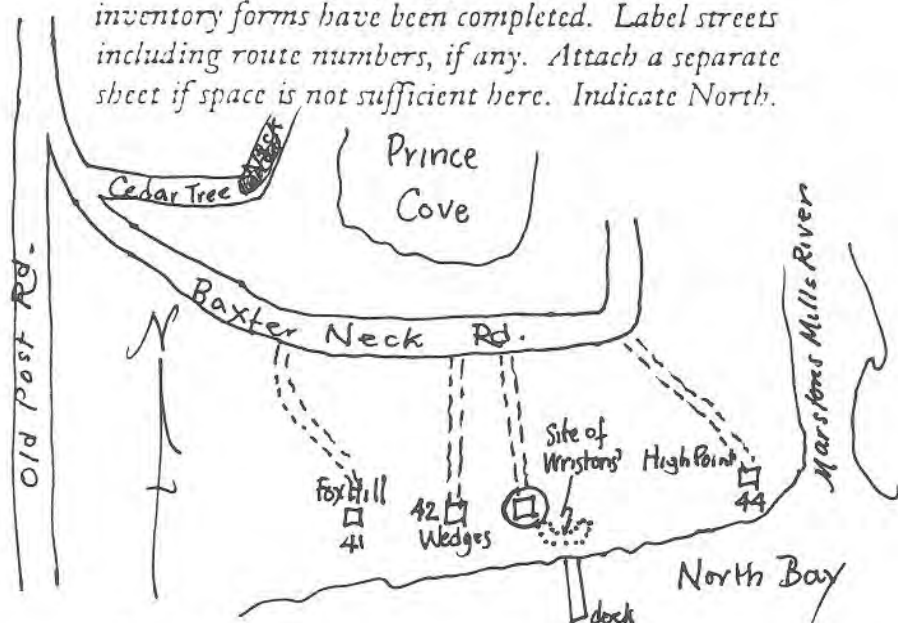
Setting South side of Baxter Neck

facing North Bay



Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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Organization Cotuit Historical Society

Date (month/day/year) 5 March 1994

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

This is an 11 room mansion in a Neo-Colonial style with eighties touches. The north elevation is side-gabled, with a 2 story entrance gable containing an eighties half-circle window on the second story, and a first story porch supported by pairs of plain columns on either side of a doorway flanked by wide glass lights. On either side of the top gable are single windowed gabled dormers. On the ground floor are 6 over 6 single windows with shutters. The rear elevation toward the water (south) is less formal, with three bays on the ground floor, with balconies above, and Anderson windows.

The floor plan is basically rectangular, with entrance from the north into cathedral ceilinged foyer with stair rising to west. On the water side are living room & family room, each with fireplace, kitchen and breakfast room to SW, and master bedroom & bath to SE. On the back (no side) are powder room NE, dining room in center, utility room and 2 car garage to NW. The three bedrooms on the second floor face the sea, with 2 full baths.

Outbuilding: 232 foot dock to south, built 1987.

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.

"Windsong" is a house built 1993-4 on spec by Silvia & Silvia of Osterville on the builder's plans. It was named for the previous house on the site located about 30 feet SE, and torn down 1993. It had been built c. 1930 for Henry M. Wriston by Swift of Osterville on Wriston's plans. It was a one story summer cottage in open U plan, with study & bedroom wing to east, and kitchen & bedroom to west. Wriston was a diplomatic historian who became President of Brown University and author of famous Wriston reforms that integrated the U.S. Foreign Service with State Department career employees.

The Corps of Engineers built an 800 foot pier for Camp Candoit amphibious training during World War II. The house was inherited on Wriston's death by his second wife Marguerite Woodworth, and on her death by daughter Barbara, who sold it in 1986 to Silvia & Silvia (4961/281). A line was drawn thru the middle of the house to create 2 lots, with the intention of tearing it down. Nicholas Franco of Harborview Cotuit took over this west half, but went bankrupt in the depression of the eighties. Silvia repossessed it, tore down "Windsong" in early 1993 to build this.

In 1987 the 232 foot dock was built into North Bay. A large yacht was docked beside it and wrecked in the Aug. 1991 hurricane "Bob", and sank at the dock a year later.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Lis Clark of Osterville, caretaker and renter, 6 Sept. 1992
Barnstable deed cited
Plans of Silvia & Silvia 1994
Obit. of H.M.Wriston 9 Feb. 1978

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MM A-50

Town Barnstable

Place (neighborhood or village) Marstons Mills

Old Post Rd. 44

Address 325 Baxters Neck Rd.

Historic Name "Highpoint"

Uses: Present Summer guest house

Original Summer house

Date of Construction 1936

Source Deed 514/360; Assessor's Ca

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material:

Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingle

Roof Cedar Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Dock 1968 & beachhouse E.;
4 car garage NW

Major Alterations (with dates) 1950's
kitchen wing & garage; 1961 W.wing;
1988 new kitchen in basement, ex-
tended 8 ft. on N.

Condition Much added to original

Moved no yes Date _____

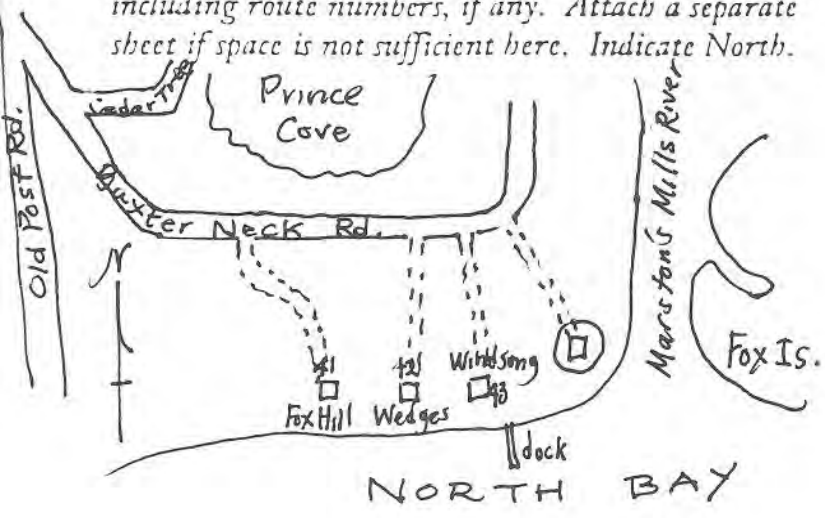
Acreage 19.93

Setting Waterfront, on east point
of Baxter Neck at entrance to
Marstons Mills River into North
Bay.



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Date (month/day/year) 21 July 1993

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

The original core of the 1936 house, to the west, was a fairly modest two story shingle Neo-Colonial Cape Cod house of seven rooms, an open entry hall from the north with central stair, four rooms on the ground 3 rooms on second floor and porch to west. The exterior of this part is much as in original, two story gable ended E-W, with two brick chimneys at gable ends; clad in natural cedar shingle with white trim and black shutters. On the north entry in center is porch on two square pillar supporting a plain arch.

To the original core was added in 1961 an east wing with large kitchen, laundry & maid's suite; the west porch was enclosed and expanded into a master suite with bath and dressing room, a bay window added to south side, a 2 car garage and enclosed breezeway. In 1967-8 the 3 story guest wing was added to east with 4 story elevator to tunnel to the dock and separate four car garage. In 1988 a kitchen was added to basement, and north wall extended outward eight feet.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

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In 1936 Helen MacLellan's uncle "Dick" Winfield sold the land to Louise W. Northrup of Princeton NJ (Deed 514/360), wife of 1946 Nobel laureate in Chemistry, John H. Northrup (b. 1891). They built the Colonial Revival summer house in 1936. During World War II amphibious training was conducted from the 800 foot pier extending into North Bay just west of the house. In 1949 it went to Fred R. Sisson Jr. (740/541), to his executor Christine Sisson (1038/591). In 1961 Geraldine S. Walden of Wyckoff NJ sold it to Lucille Fenn Stafford (1907-88), artist and daughter of concert pianist Lorena H. Fenn, John Bernard of Osterville designed extensive alterations built by Rogers & Marney. As a house warming her sister gave Lucille a 9 hole putting green in front of the main entrance. Moving to Pt. Isabella in 1966 (see OP 31) she sold to Wilbert "Bert" Chope, millionaire electronics genius & inventor, founder (1950) & CEO of Industrial Nucleonics Corp. of Columbus OH pioneer in industrial use atom & computers. MIT Masters 1949. His wife Joanne Begg was head of Latin Dept. Dana Hall. They expanded the building greatly 1967-8, adding 3 story conference center where his board met, with office, guest house & dock, built by Arthur "Archie" Williams of Marston's Mills on plans of Columbus architect. They added 18 acres to original 3.5. On his death age 49 in 1983 (b.1923) they put it on the market, and sold it 1988 for 1.2 million to Bill Koch (pron. Coke), winner of America's Cup 1992, who uses it as guest overflow for his Seapuit home.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

- Lucille Stafford Proctor letter 18 Oct. 1992
- Charles Rogers, 1988 builder, 30 Oct. 1992
- Barnstable Deeds cited above
- Joanne Chope Corsiglia, Osterville, 4 Aug. 1993

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, a certificate completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

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Community Property Address
Cotuit Baxter Neck Rd.

Area(s)	FormNo.
	OP44

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible only in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: A B C D

Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

Statement of Significance by James W. Gould
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The house is associated with three important residents: Nobel Chemistry Prizewinner (1946) John H. Northrup, electronics inventor Wilbert Chope (1923-83) who lived here for 15 years and held board meetings of Industrial Nucleonics Corp. here, and winner of 1992 America's cup, William Koch, who has used it as a guesthouse 1988-94. It thus qualifies under criterion B for NHR status.