

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 6 Lovells Lane

Historic Name Frank Gardner House

Uses: Present Single family residence

Original Single family residence

Date of Construction 1903

Source Barnstable deeds 268/364, 269/360

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder Frank Gardner

Exterior Material:

Foundation Cement

Wall/Trim Cedar shingle

Roof Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Two car garage south

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

Moved to new foundation

Condition Original form slightly altered

Moved No Yes **Date** 1984, approx.
three miles from 920 Main Street, Osterville

Acreage 0.61 acres (26,560 sq. ft.)

Setting Suburban, at junction of Lovells Lane
and Main Street

Sketch Map



Recorded by James W. Gould

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*) November, 2008

BUILDING FORM

6 Lovells Lane, Marstons Mills, Barnstable E-27

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 vernacular late Greek Revival building of two stories, gable end to the street, with one story shed roof extension on the north side. There is a bay window on the north side of the centered entry door on the west facade. It is clad in cedar shingle with white trim. The roof is composition shingle, with brick chimney at the top.

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 in 1903 in Osterville, on the east side of Main St. going toward West Barnstable, on the southeast corner of what is now Blossom Av. (#920 Main). The house was built by Frank B(earse) Gardner (1875-1950), who had built a piazza for his father's house in Centerville. In 1904 he married Elsie⁸ Rawson Hallett (1884-1948), daughter of the Osterville plumber Granville⁷ Webster Hallett (son of James⁶ Hallett of Marstons Mills; Harvey⁵, William⁴, Jonathan³, David², Jonathan¹) and Cora A. Parker. They had two children here: plumber Hallett Bradford Gardner (1907-1989) who married Doris Louise Jones of Centerville, and Elise Franklyn Gardner (1909-1964) who married Harland Clayton Wheeler of Osterville. Frank bought the cleared lot in 1902 from Eugene F. Blossom and in 1904 got a mortgage from Charles E. Hinckley for \$1200 which probably represents the cost of the house.

Frank went to work with his father-in-law as a plumber, and installed the heating and ventilation for the new Osterville school in 1913, a job on which Hallett did the plumbing. Norman Williams and Cecil Goodspeed are among the village residents who worked for him. In 1925 he posted a legal notice refusing to pay his wife's bills because she had left him, though she seems to have been in the hospital at the time. In 1930 his ads read: "Frank B. Gardner, Plumbing and Heating//pumps and oil burners" with the motto "Of course we believe in Cape Cod".

In 1936 gave the house to his only son, plumber Hallett Gardner, who gave it back in 1942, but inherited it on his father's death in 1950. Retiring to Port Charlotte FL, Hallett sold it in 1974 for \$56,000 to local builder Charles Rogers and Arthur F. Clark. In 1984 they built a condominium at what is now #920 Main St.

The house was moved in 1984 by Robert Hayden Jr. of Cotuit and placed on a concrete foundation on the present site. This had been Lot #2 which Hayden bought from Eleanor Louise Baker of Mesa AZ for \$10,500. The old George T. Mecarta farm had been subdivided in 1961 by John Allen Coy. Hayden sold it for \$110,000 to the present owner the house painter Michael Craig Quinlan (b. 1947 Cotuit) married to Deborah Jayne Elliott, whose two children Mikel (b. 1975) and Melissa Anne (b. 1978) live here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds: Deeds 268/364, 269/360, 514/583, 594/304, 2107/212, 3657/148, 4126/7, 12919/149; Plan 161/37.

Interview with current owner Michael Quinlan 14 Oct 2008.

Interview with mover Robert Hayden Jr. 14 Oct. 2008.

Barnstable vital records.

Barnstable Patriot 25 Oct. 1905, 3 Feb 1913, 13 Nov 1916, 14 May 1917, 19, 26 Feb 1925. 18 Dec 1930.

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