

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Date: December/2006

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town Barnstable

Place (neighborhood or village) Marstons Mills,
off Newtown Road

Photograph



330 Olde Homestead Drive

Name Isaac Crocker⁴ House

Present Residence/Farm

Original Vacant, Residence/Farm

Construction Circa 1750

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds

Form Story and a half, three-quarter Cape

Architect/Builder Isaac Crocker⁴

Roof Material:

Roofing Original stone

Trim Wood shingle

Roof Composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Barn, silo, shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)

Ell added to rear of main house, 19th c

Interior bathrooms, ca. 1950;

Roofed porch added to west side, c. 1950..

Condition House and barn – Good; silo and attached shed -
deteriorated.

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 6.58 acres

Setting Edge of a residential subdivision west of Muddy Pond.
Located in a large meadow on a knoll overlooking the pond,
together with farm outbuildings.

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the
nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all
buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection
or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any.
Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Recorded by: James Gould and Holly Hobart, Marstons
Mills Historical Society

Organization: Barnstable Historical Commission

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 three-quarter Cape Cod house with a gently bowed roofline, sited facing south on a knoll west of Muddy Pond, formerly called Crocker's Pond (1798) or Jones's Pond. The massive granite foundation stones indicate original siting. The exterior is clad in cedar shingles, but the roof is now composition shingle. The exterior is unadorned. The center entrance is plain, with five lights above the door. The small brick chimney indicates replacement of the original large fireplace used for cooking. A one-story kitchen wing extends from the northeast corner northward, with a screened porch on the west side of the wing. Just west of the house is a small storage shed. The two-story barn is located southwest of the house, with a silo attached by a passage shed, eastward.

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.

Isaac Crocker⁴ was a descendant of Deacon William Crocker¹, a First Comer to Barnstable. William had a large land grant in West Barnstable on both sides of Route 149, running from the West Parish Church at Church Street to the Great Marshes by 1643. He lived on the east side of Route 149 behind the fire station in the 1776 conservation area. Eleazer Crocker² and Nathan Crocker³, father of Isaac⁴, lived in the old stone fort built by William Crocker¹ as a precaution against Indian attack (one of two fortification houses he built in West Barnstable). Isaac Crocker⁴ built the house in Marstons Mills by Muddy (or Crocker) Pond which he later sold to his son, Isaac⁵, who later built his own house by Round Pond off the West Barnstable-Osterville Road in Marstons Mills (see Survey Sheet).

Two houses built by father and son, circa 1750 and 1775 respectively, are an historical rarity, coupled with the excellent preservation of the two houses by owners concerned with historical preservation. Bow-roofed houses are also rare on Cape Cod, as is an original farm site with all of its farm buildings still standing.

Isaac Crocker sold the house in 1795 to Eleazer Crocker, who in turn sold it to Bethuel and Zacheus Crocker in 1811. The property stayed in the Crocker family for about one hundred years, until 1853, when Bethuel Crocker willed it to Thomas Jones. The Jones family owned and occupied it continuously for the next hundred years, until 1957, when it was bought by John L. and Zoe Warner.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

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Registry of Probate, Barnstable County

1992 Tour of interior and exterior of house given Martin Wirtanen by John Warner.

Loring Jones, Jr., interviewed March 14, 1997, by James Gould.

Chain of title, separate attachment. ✓ 2 sheets

✓ 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 BARNSTABLE 330 OLDE HOMESTEAD
DRIVE

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Title Search
Isaac Crocker⁴ House

Year	Document Reference, Description
1798	Deed, 1-299, Isaac Crocker ³ to Eleazer Crocker Parcel of land, 8 acres "at a place called Muddy Pond or Crocker Pond with the dwelling house standing on the premises that I bought of my late honored father Isaac Crocker ⁴ deceased."
1811	Deed, 1-300L, Eleazer Crocker to Bethuel and Zacheus Crocker House and buildings and 22 acres.
1853	Probate Case No. 2973, Will of Bethuel Crocker. Item 1. Wife Nancy to have use of ½ the house for her lifetime and \$400.00. Item 4. Residue of real and personal estate to Thomas Jones the younger, "who now resides with me."
1866	Probate Case No. 11814, Thomas Jones, no will. Alton S. Jones, Administrator. Kin: Sarah A. Jones Wife/widow Nancy Cammett Daughter Addie F. Jones Daughter Ephraim L. Jones Son Alton S. Jones Son
1909	Probate Case No. 15753, Will of Sarah A. Jones. Addie F. Jones, Administrator. Kin: Ephraim L. Jones Son Nancy A. Cammett Daughter Alton L. Jones Son Addie F. Howland Daughter No real estate listed in case files.
1920	Probate Case No. 19039, Will of Alton S. Jones. Adeline F. Jones, Administrator. Kin: Nancy A. Cammett, Sister Ephraim L. Jones Brother Adeline F. Howland Sister Real estate: 5 acres of woodland
1931	Probate Case No. 23337, Will of Ephraim L. Jones. Walter I. Fuller, Administrator. Kin: Affie D. Jones Wife, widow Loring G. Jones Son Harold F. Jones Son Items 5-13. 1/3 interest of deceased in estate of late father, Thomas Jones. Item 11. Dwelling house, barn and 10 acres of land, formerly homestead of Thomas Jones on Jones Pond with small piece of cranberry bog.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Title Search, continued.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Document Reference, Description</u>
1931	Probate Case No. 23385, Will of Nancy A. Cammett. John Bursley, administrator. Kin: Frederick W. Cammett Husband Adeline F. Howland Sister Harold F. Jones Nephew Loring G. Jones Nephew Real estate: 1/3 undivided interest in real estate of late father, Thomas Jones, house, barn, and 10 acres of land with 1½ acres of bog.
1948	Deed, 704-466, Frederick W. Cammett to Nancy Jones and Lena Jones. All rights and interest not previously disposed of in land inherited from late wife, Nancy A. Cammett, formerly of the late Thomas Jones.
1953	Probate Case No. 33881, Will of Adeline F. Howland. Cecil Goodspeed, executor. Item 7. Give to my nephew Loring G. Jones, the cranberry bog and land on the old homestead in Newtown. Item 21. Rest of real and personal property to Loring G. Jones and Harold F. Jones, nephews and only kin listed. Real estate: Item 3. Frame dwelling, frame barn and approximately 23 acres of land, Santuit-Newtown Road, Marstons Mills.
1954	Probate Case No. 34535, Will of Affie D. Jones, widow of Ephraim L. Jones. Kin: Loring G. Jones and Harold F. Jones Sons
1957	Deed, 963-590, Loring G. Jones, Harold F. Jones, Lena F. Childs, and Nancy A. Amer to John L. Warner and Zoe Warner, land and buildings. Title reference: 1948 deed of Frederick W. Cammett and 1953 probate of Adeline F. Howland.

Note: Crocker Family Line

William¹
 Eleazer²
 Nathan³
 Isaac⁴, b. 1719, d. before 1798
 Isaac⁵

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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, PhD., Historian; Holly Hobart, historical researcher
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The Isaac Crocker Homestead is eligible for National Register status as a significant and important architectural feature of local origin. Over 250 years old, it is the oldest example of a Cape Cod style cottage in the Newtown area, which was on the frontier of the most remote part of Barnstable, the second oldest town on Cape Cod. Newtown village is located in the western part of Marstons Mills, which has only five buildings that are older than this. Architecturally, it is a rare example of a remaining three quarter Cape. The gently bowed roof amplifies both the rarity and distinction of this historic house. The recent survey of first century houses by the Pilgrim Society identifies only 22 buildings in the town of Barnstable that are older than this, placing the Isaac Crocker Homestead among the 30 oldest structures in the town. The fact that the house is on its original foundation gives it historic integrity.

The house was owned continuously for two centuries by two of the oldest families of the Newtown area. It was owned for over 100 years (c. 1750-1853) by the builders, the Crocker family, it then passed to the related Jones family for another 100 years (1853-1957). The Joneses were descendants of the pioneer Quaker settler of the area, Ralph Jones. In the twentieth century it was the home of Marstons Mills storekeeper/postmaster Loring Jones.