

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address: 1774 South County Road

Historic Name: Baxter Sisters' House

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Single family residence

Date of Construction: 1920

Source: Assessor's card

Style/Form: Colonial revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Poured concrete

Wall/Trim: Vinyl siding

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

12' x 16' cottage east; garden shed southeast

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Addition on north end 1985

Condition: Close to original form with addition and new siding

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

Acreage: 1.14 acres

Setting: Semi-rural/suburban, on outskirts of Marstons Mills and Osterville

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

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

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

1774 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD,
MARSTONS MILLS, BARNSTABLE

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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.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a one-story cottage in Colonial Revival style with a suggestion of a Cape Cod cottage. The core 25 x 33 is side-gabled, with central front entrance and brick chimney. This is clad in white vinyl siding, and roofed in composition shingle. At the north end the gable is extended over a short addition. On the east side is a separate 12 x 16 living unit under a gable roof.

The interior has some unusual features. The full basement on a concrete foundation covers only the central portion of the house, about 25 x 28, with crawl spaces on either side, suggesting that there were porches on north and south sides of the core. The center living room has low chair rails, and the center kitchen east of this has bead-board on lower walls.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was built in 1920 for the maiden sisters "Fannie" Frances E. Baxter (1855-1942) and "Minnie" Minerva Hinckley Baxter (1862-1946), daughters of Capt. Samuel Sidney Baxter (1828-1907, son of Shubael) and Mary⁸ Marston Hinckley (1834-1911) (Luther⁷, Enoch⁶, Edmund⁵, Benjamin⁴⁻³, Samuel²⁻¹). They were born and grew up in the Alvan Hinckley house built in 1811 across the road at #1745 South County Road (see MM inventory E-4). They inherited hundreds of acres that had been in the Hinckley family since colonial days. This house was immediately north of the ancient Enoch Hinckley homestead (see MM inventory A-18).

After the sisters' deaths it was inherited by Franklin Hinckley Perry (1930-2007), son of their first cousin Anne⁹ Hinckley Perry, then only 17 years old. He married a local woman, Gretchen Reidell, daughter of Carl Reidell of Osterville, and served a career in the US Navy, including the Korean War. The house was sold in 1947 to Frank Edward Wakefield and his wife Maud. After Maud's death in 1966 it was owned briefly by Rhea Davis, wife of E. K. Davis who placed 50 year restrictions before it was sold to Helen P. Hurley, and 1971 to Barbara A. Millin.

In 1984 Hurley sold it to the current owner Cynthia P. Carter (b. 1960) and her engineer husband Stanley R. Tettke (b. 1959). Their son Stephen A. Tettke was born 1986 and grew up here.

Cynthia and Stan were divorced, and she is training to be a nurse. Cynthia was raised in a family whose business was marine salvage.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 668/304, 1330/659, 1378/200, 4192/104, 4331/354, 19078/211; Plan 302/20.
MHC Form B forms MM A-18, E-4
Town of Barnstable vital records
Hinckley family bible with Gretchen Perry
Interviews with owner Cynthia Carter and Frank Perry's widow Gretchen Perry, 24 Sept. 2009.