

AREA NMA	FORM NO. 39
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)
Address 70 Rosa Lane (off River Road)
Historic Name Jones/Rosa House

Use: Present dwelling
Original farmstead

DESCRIPTION:

Date c1811/c1861
Source Registry of Deeds

Style Greek Revival
Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle
Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____
Greek Revival front added c1861
asbestos siding added mid-20th cen.

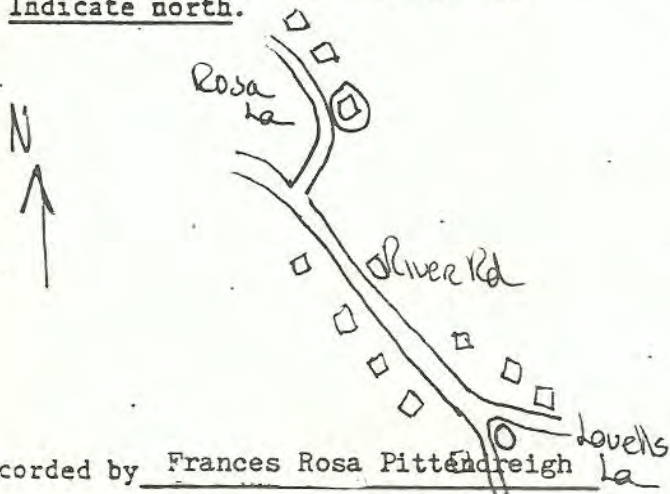
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Approx. acreage 11.13

Setting picturesque knoll with blue spruce,
locust, maple and apple trees

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Jones/Rosa House is a standard 3 bay, 1½ story sidehall Greek Revival style cottage which extends back for a depth of three bays, and then is connected to a series of rear ells. It is covered with asbestos siding which hides any original detail except window and door surrounds. The windows have narrow lintels and contain 2/2 sash. The entry is framed by strip pilasters carrying a lintel shelf. Although deeds record sale of land and a dwelling house in 1811, the main body of the house clearly dates to the mid-19th century. The several rear ells may contain part or all of the earlier structure.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The first available deed for this property records the sale of land and homestead farm from Seth Backus, mariner to Abner Jones. The property remained in the Jones family until July 1919 when it was sold to D. Gracie and Grace S. Rosa. The property was used for agricultural purposes such as orchard, cranberry bogs, sod farm and vegetables. Its location on the Marstons Mills River made it a gathering place for not only the local fishermen, but also for off-Cape anglers who came in search of brook trout.

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