

FORM B - BUILDING

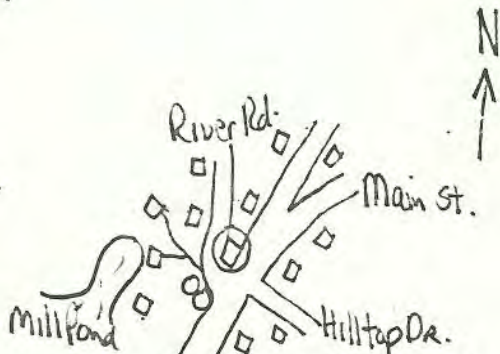
AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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SKETCH MAP

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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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date May 1986

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)
Address Village Square (Cotuit & River Rds.)
Historic Name The Store
Cash Market

Use: Present store
Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date c1924

Source Registry of Deeds; style

Style four square

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric rusticated concrete block with wood frame rear ell

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date n/a

Approx. acreage .11 078/076

Setting major intersection at small village center

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

Cash Market is a simple four square structure, rising two stories to a hip roof. It is constructed of rusticated concrete block said to have been made in the village by the then owner, Loring Jones. A flat roofed porch, supported on triangular braced posts, extends across the facade, protecting two entries and a display window. Regularly spaced windows with 2/2 sash light the second story. A one story, gable roofed rear ell, clad with shingles and trimmed with a wide frieze may incorporate all or part of the earlier store on the site.

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

A store has been operated on the present site for over 100 years. By 1880 it was operated by L.N. Hamblin Co. In 1882, L.N. sold 1/2 interest in the property to his nephew George L, and a few years later, George acquired the other half. In 1905, L.N. again took title, then sold to L.G. Jones, Sr. in 1914. It was Mr. Jones who demolished the old wood frame store on the site and replaced it with a more fashionable and durable concrete block structure. For a time, the building was used mainly for the repair and sale of automobiles and gas. After Rte. 28 was straightened and improved in the mid-20th century, by-passing the store, it reverted to a general store which it remains today.

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The Cash Market - Marstons Mills

Little is known about the Cash Market from the time the building was erected in 1889 by Leonard Hamblin until it was bought by Loring Jones Sr. in 1914. Loring Sr. and his wife, Ada Fuller Jones, lived in the small house behind the store. Their first two children, Laurence and Persis, were born there. It contained a living room, dining room and kitchen on the first floor. Upstairs there were two small bedrooms. There was no indoor plumbing. A pump furnished water and an outdoor privy for personal needs. There was no mains water in the village until 1955. Then Marstons Mills was brought into the Osterville, Centerville fire district. The house was occupied for some time after the Joneses moved out in 1916 by Lydy and Steve Drew. Steve worked in Loring Sr.'s bogs. In 1941, when Loring Jr. became postmaster, the house became the post office. When the 'new' post office was opened in 1958 by Loring Jr. and his wife, Adele, the house was used as a summer liquor store. It wasn't until 1975, when Don McKeag bought the store from Loring Jones Jr. and Frank McClusky, that a year-round liquor license was granted. Instead of walking outside to get in the liquor store, Mr. McKeag had a wall opening made that united both buildings. After about three years, Mr. McKeag sold the store to Mr. Bent and Mr. Crosby. Mr. Crosby had the liquor license transferred to his new store in Cotuit Landing.

In the early 1920's, Loring Jones Sr. had the wooden store torn down and replaced by a stone building, the blocks being produced in the village by Gracia Rosa. Mr. Jones ran a Dort car agency in the building for several years. However, when Rt. 28 was put through in the late 1920's, the traffic that had used Main St. to get from Osterville to Cotuit was greatly reduced. Mr. Jones removed his agency to Hyannis. Preston Fish rented the store for awhile selling bread, milk and canned goods, but no meat. He also had a soda fountain and several marble topped tables and metal chairs. Customers to the fountain came from the village and from the train station in West Barnstable.

Mr. Jones had a gas pump on Rt. 149 by the front of the store. The pump crank was turned for one gallon at a time. Standard Oil Company eventually installed two new pumps that permitted a tank to be filled without turning the crank for each gallon.

After a few years Preston Fish gave up and Ada Jones (Mrs. Loring Jones Sr.) took over the store. In 1943 Junior Jones took over from his mother and Frank McClusky joined him in 1950. Frank then ran the store and was the butcher until Don McKeag bought the business in 1975.

Tony and Maria Madcour, the present owners, have had the former house, post office, liquor store demolished and are rebuilding on the same footprint. It was not too soon as the aged structure was in deplorable condition. No rats were seen to scurry out. When Loring Jones Sr. had the first wooden building removed the rats ran everywhere. Loring used to keep his loose cookies in cardboard boxes covered with glass lids. Each night the rats would eat the bottom layer of cookies. Next morning the boxes would have to be cleaned out. One night a whole box of penny bolsters disappeared. When the building was torn down, underneath was a full box of penny bolsters. Evidently the rats did not have sweet teeth.