

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: 48 Hallett's Lane

Historic Name: Carlton Hallett Summer Cabin

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Summer cabin

Date of Construction: 1928

Source: Assessor's card

Style/Form: Vernacular

Architect/Builder: Carlton Hallett; rebuilt by Charles M. Chase

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Two garden sheds northeast and west.

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Cellar dug c. 1960; two story addition c. 1973-7; attic office expanded c. 1990.

Condition: Greatly altered from original; little remains

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

Acreage: 0.53

Setting: On edge of Mystic Lake

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date: August, 2009

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This a vernacular summer cottage on a T plan, with a two story gabled part extending to the north from the original one story gabled cabin. It is clad in brown-stained cedar shingle, with brick red trim. The most unusual feature is the chimney, with a band of large white pebbles at its waist and peak. Two wooden garden sheds lie to the northeast and west.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

This waterfront land on Mystic Lake was the southernmost part of the farmstead of Capt. Benjamin Wright Jr. (1804-54) built about 1837. Wright was lost at sea in 1854 with his 19 year old son Benjamin. His other son William died the same year from a fall from the rigging of a ship in the Indian Ocean. The only heir was a daughter Persis (1839-1907) who married Capt. James D. Hallett (1834-1910).

Their son, cranberry farmer Carlton C. Hallett (b.1864), built this summer cottage in 1928. It was inherited by his son, Warren C. Hallett (b. 1898), the rural mail carrier who rented it during World War II to the Forestdale builder Charles M. Chase (1912-92), whose father Ronald was caretaker of the neighboring Lincoln Filene estate Lynxholm.

Chase bought the house in 1959 and rebuilt it twice, living in the north wing while the old part was rebuilt. He put the original cabin on a concrete foundation, and built a nuclear fallout shelter on the waterside about 1961. The second story of the north wing was added as an office by 1975. Chase spent several years as a mover with Allied Van Lines, and during World War II worked as an inspector at the Quincy shipyard. Charles and his wife Frances (Thomas) had four children who grew up here: Japanese scholar Charles Jr (1938), Earl (1939), Cheryl (1951) and David (1955).

The Chases rented boats to fishermen and summer people, and offered aquaplane rides behind their motorboat "Fran" about 1952 ff.

In 1989 Chase sold it for \$230,000 to the current owner Michael Neil Botvin (born 1942), certified public accountant. He expanded the second story attic into an office.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds: Deeds 430/270, 466/257, 1047/64, 2727/155, 6883/128; Plan 170/101.
National Register form B for Benjamin Wright Jr. House, MMD 26.
Town of Barnstable vital records

Interviews with owner, Michael Botvin 25 Aug. 2009; Charles Chase Jr. and David Chase who grew up in house 25 Aug. 2009.