

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

076006001

Cotuit

E

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Town Barnstable

Place (neighborhood or village) Marstons Mills

Photograph



Address 154 Prince Avenue

Historic Name Forest Hamblin House

Uses: Present Summer residence

Original Residence

Date of Construction 1924

Source Assessor's Card

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder Sears model house
Forest Hamblin, builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Poured concrete

Wall/Trim Cedar shingle

Roof Composition Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Front porch remodeled 1983

Condition Close to original

Moved no yes Date

Acreage 2.62 Acres

Setting Rural, close to mouth of Marstons
Mills River.

Map



Recorded by James W. Gould, Holly Hobart

Organization Marstons Mills Historical Society,
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (month / year) November, 2007

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154 Prince Avenue, Marstons Mills, Barnstable

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Forest Hamblin house is a two-story gambrel Colonial Revival, with front entrance on the gambrel end, facing the street. It is clad in cedar shingle painted white, with white trim. The roof is composition shingle. The foundation, approximately 36' x 42', is poured concrete. On the east side is an open wooden deck. The only outbuilding is a one-car garage under a gabled roof, with a storage area at the rear. This lies about 80 feet north of the main house.

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.

The house was built in 1924 by two brothers, Forest and Leonard Hamblin, from a prefabricated Sears Roebuck design that was shipped to West Barnstable by train. The house was built in anticipation of Leonard's marriage to Marjorie Warner of Yarmouth. Here were born two daughters, Connie and Phyllis. Tragically, Phyllis died at age 17 of a pistol wound in a nearby home of Dr. Pooler, where she was babysitting the Pooler's child. Dr. Pooler, away at the war, had left a loaded pistol in a bureau drawer where it was found by the child.

In 1982, the house was inherited by the Hamblins' surviving daughter, Cornelia (Connie) Austin, a teacher at Sandwich High School. In June 1999, Connie sold it to the current owners, Marc C. Curley and his wife Tara L. Miltimore, who use it as a summer home.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, 12384-209, 3640-235, 1327-1023, 532-95(6), 176-19, 156-377, 152-172.
Interview with local historian Wilbur Cushing and former owner Connie Austin, November 7, 2007.

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

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Title Search

12384-209 **From Cornelia Austin to Mark C. Curley and Tara L. Miltimore**
7/2/1999

For title see deed 3640-235.

3640-235 **From Forest C. and Marjorie A. Hamblin to Cornelia Austin of Cummaquid**
12/29/1982
\$88,000.00

2 parcels of land, "...being a portion of the land referred to in a deed of Forest C. Hamblin and Marjorie A. Hamblin dated March 1, 1965...Book 1327, Page 1023.

1327-1023 **From Forest C. Hamblin to Forest C. and Marjorie A. Hamblin**
3/1/1966

Five parcels, Parcel 2 "being the same premises conveyed to me by Nancy E. Hamblin...October 21, 1925...Book 413, Page 394.

Parcel 3, Book 473, Page 112, 4/23/1930
 Parcel 4, Book 484, Page 574, 6/16/1932
 Parcel 5, Book 498, Page 15, 9/8/1933.

532-95 **From Nancy E. Hamblin to Forest C. and Marjorie A. Hamblin**
(actually 532-
96)
3/17/1938

"...the same being part of property conveyed by Ellsworth E. Doane to Nancy E. Hamblin... Book 224, Page 354.

224-354 **From Ellsworth E. Doane to Nancy E. Hamblin**
8/20/1876
\$800.00

"...my entire homestead with the dwelling house and other buildings thereon.

NW by Ryder Brothers
 NE by the river
 E and SE by Marshfield, belonging to David J. Coleman
 SW by James Vetivier

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**Title Search,
cont'd**

Containing 5 ½ acres.

“Premises described in a deed from Barbara Doane to the grantor...Vol. 176, Page 19,
and from Ellen Marston to the grantor, Vol 156, Page 377-8-9.

176-19
2/15/1887
\$200.00 and
fuel for fire

From Barbara Doane to my son Ellsworth E. Doane of Barnstable

“...my entire homestead...with the Dwelling House and other buildings thereon.”

NW by Nathaniel Hinckley
NE by the river
E and SE by Marshfield
SW by John D. Backus

“...about five acres.”

156-377
9/26/1883
\$150.00

From Ellen Marston of New Bedford to Ellsworth Doane

“...a certain tract of land adjoining the homestead of the late Eliphlet [sic] Doane”
About ½ acre.; also a separate tract of 7 acres.

152-172
9/9/1880
\$37.50

From Nathaniel Hinckley to Barbara Doane

“...containing two or three acres on the whole by estimation or perhaps four acres.”