

# 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:** 289 Cammett Road

**Historic Name:** Cross Servants' Wing

**Uses:** Present: Single family house

Original: Servants' wing of summer house

**Date of Construction:** 1895

**Source:** Barnstable deeds 212/598, 219/122.

**Style/Form:** Vernacular

**Architect/Builder:** Sanford Freeman and Adrian Chadwick

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Garage SE

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

South wing added 1984

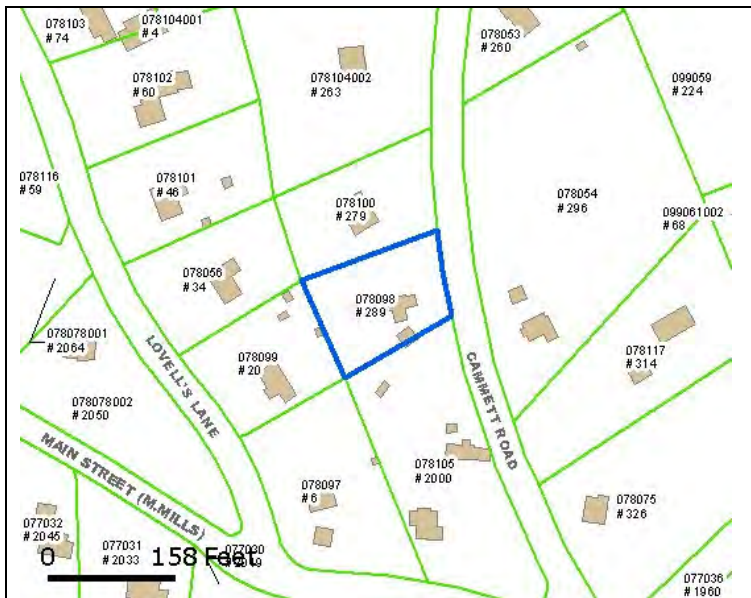
**Condition:** Close to original, with addition

**Moved:** no | | yes | X | **Date** 1984

**Acreage:** 0.49 acres

**Setting:** Suburban side road near village center

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** J. W. Gould

**Organization:** Marstons Mills Historical Society,  
Barnstable Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): June, 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:

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

This is a two-story gabled vernacular structure on a T plan, the original part measuring 14 x 29, with a one story 13 x 16 addition on the south side. At the gable end facing the street is a shed roofed porch on square pillars. The exterior is cedar shingle stained gray, with white trim. At the attic peak the shingling is diamond shaped. The outbuilding to the southeast is a square garage with hip roof.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*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.*

This was the servants' wing of the Richard K. Cross house built in 1895 by Sanford Freeman of Harwichport and Adrian Chadwick of Osterville. The house, now #299 Sea View Avenue, Wianno, was completed on June 11, and first occupied in July. It is said that this wing was barged from Nantucket, a common occurrence about 1895, but this cannot be confirmed. The land itself was on the beach at Wianno facing Nantucket Sound, bought in 1894 from the estate of George Lovell.

Richard K. Cross (1842-1909) was a well-to-do attorney from Baltimore MD, sometimes called "judge". He was an elder of Central Presbyterian Church of Baltimore and founder of the Presbyterian Eye & Ear Hospital. His wife was Mary Cabell Porter Breckinridge (1856-1907), daughter of Judge Samuel Miller Breckenridge, a friend of President Lincoln. Both died at this summer house in Wianno. They had two daughters, Virginia B. and Elizabeth B. Cross.

The daughters sold the house in 1954 for \$ 15,000 to Margaret A. Hubbard of Hartford CT. In 1979 Hubbard sold it to Donald C. Berkey for \$215,000. He never occupied the house, and sold it in less than two years (1981) to the author Patrick Robinson for \$340,000. The Robinsons completely renovated the house, giving the servants wing to Robert Hayden of Cotuit. He moved it in 1984 to its present location. He sold it in 1985 for \$25,000 to the neighbor to the south, lobsterman William W. Lister (b. 1956), who added the new wing.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds: Deeds 212/598, 882/429, 2931/150, 3384/167, 3931/268, 4375/178, 4702/50;  
Builder's lien 1895 in deed 219/122.

Town of Barnstable building permit B 27361 A.

Aerial photos, town of Barnstable, #299 Sea View 1968, 2001.

Interviews with former owner Suzanne Robinson 28 May 2009, mover Robert Hayden 10 May 2009, current owner William Lister 22 May 2009.

Walker Atlas 1908 23 shows the wing clearly, as does 1968 aerial photo.

Paul Chesbro *Osterville I* (1988) 239, 242.

Town of Barnstable vital records.

Alexander Brown *The Cabells* (1895) 400.

MHC Form B 299 Sea View OVC 74A (188).vvvv