

FORM B – BUILDING

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



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

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Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

Address: 182 Walnut Street

Historic Name: Buck Jones's Shack

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Storage building

Date of Construction: 1932

Source: Assessor's card

Style/Form: Cape Cod revival

Architect/Builder: Abner I. Jones/ Philip Steere

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingles painted cream

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Major addition, 1934.

Condition: Much altered

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

Acreage: 1.0 acres

Setting: Semi-rural suburban side street, close to intersection of former Mid-Cape Highway.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date: May, 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 single story vernacular cottage, a revival or variant of the Cape Cod cottage. The façade toward the street has three bays, with a centered entry door flanked by pairs of windows. There is a gabled extension on the north end. The cedar shingle has been painted cream color, with cream trim.

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 began as a storage shack built by “Buck” or “Ike” Abner Isaac Jones (1877-1955) on the northwest corner of the family farm where he was born (see history for 1009 Old Falmouth Rd.). In 1934 he gave it to his step-son Philip W. Steere, who made two major additions.

In 1941 Hyannis Cooperative bank foreclosed and sold it at auction to the Nova Scotia born nurse Christena Buchanan Fisk, wife of Allan A. Fisk Sr. (1902-91) of Middleboro. The Fisks ran a chicken farm with about 17,000 chickens. Fisk worked as a sheriff's deputy at the county jail, and was an active leader of Little League and the Masonic Lodge. To the south of the house there was a two story wood frame battery house, torn down about 1970, and three long hen houses, torn down about 1972, after John A. Aalto (b. 1943) bought the land to the south of the house and built a new house there. Allan Sr. sold this house to his neighbor John Aalto in 1997 and moved to Florida. John married Joan E. Bennett (b. 1943), wife of Allan Fisk's son Allan Jr. Their son fireman Roger C. Aalto (b. 1967), lives next door at # 150 Walnut.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds: Deeds 501/227, 504/27, 536/205. 583/134, 586/471, 4789/171, 6750/35, 10737/142.

Interviews with owner John Aalto 28 March, 16 April 2009; local historian Wilbur Cushing 20 March 2009, Roger Aalto 27 March 2009.

Town of Barnstable Vital Records.