

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: 375 Route 149

Historic Name: George P. Hadley House

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Same

Date of Construction: 1931

Source: Barnstable Deed 495/9; Thomas Hadley

Style/Form: Colonial revival

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Vinyl

Roof: Composition shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

New siding over shingle, date unknown.

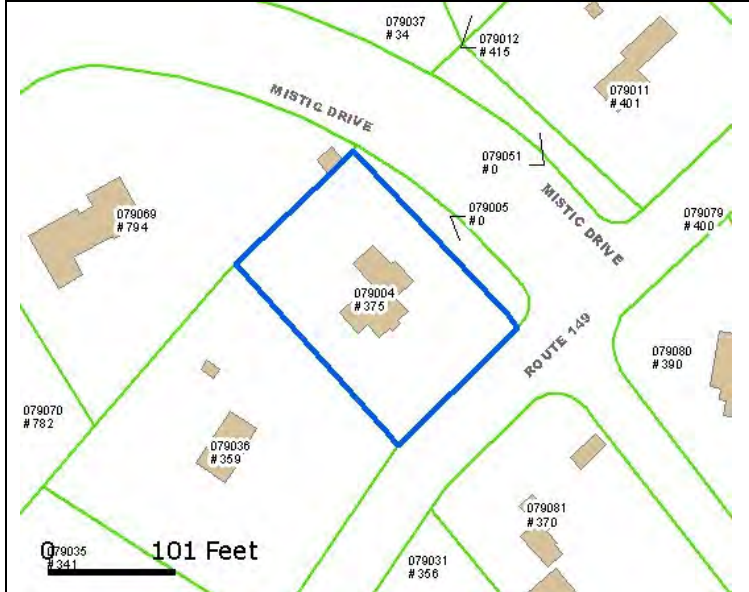
Condition: Close to original

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

Acreage: 0.63 acres

Setting: On busy state highway north of village center.

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society;
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): September, 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 is a classic two-story side-gabled Colonial Revival house on a foundation 26 x 34, with a 22 x 22 extension to the rear, and garage under a gable on the north side. It is clad in white vinyl siding with white trim, and black shutters.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was built on the north side of the dirt road entrance to Clear Lake Duck Farms by a local builder for the founder of Clear Lake, George Parker Hadley (1879-1956). Born in eastern Nova Scotia, Hadley became a partner in the largest duck farm in New England, Weber Duck Farm in Raynham. He tried duck farming on Cape Cod at Palmer's Neck in South Yarmouth in 1927, but found the site too small, and in 1930 bought 119 acres from Lorenzo Gifford, extending west of here to the river, and from Hog Alley (Lovell's Lane) to both Griegson's Pond and Run Pond. The farm buildings lay on the north side the dirt road to Griegson's Pond. Turkeys were raised on the south side of the road. At its peak the farm produced 125,000 ducks and 50,000 turkeys. Behind the house he also kept other animals, steers, pigs and chickens. The business was particularly successful during World War II when other meat was rationed. However rising costs combined with falling price of ducks resulted in bankruptcy by the time of Hadley's death in 1956.

The house and her son's next door was relinquished by his widow Isabelle Mary (Plant) Hadley, who remarried in 1960 to William T. Neslein of Monument Beach. In 1965 she gave title of both houses to T. Joseph McCook of Springfield. After McCook's death in 1991 his widow Mary (b. 1912) gave it to her son Kevin McCook, the current owner.

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