

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	15



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address Main Street

Historic Name Marstons Mills Library

Use: Present library

Original library

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1894

Source library records

Style vernacular cottage

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

addition on south elevation 1984

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage under one

Setting residential village area

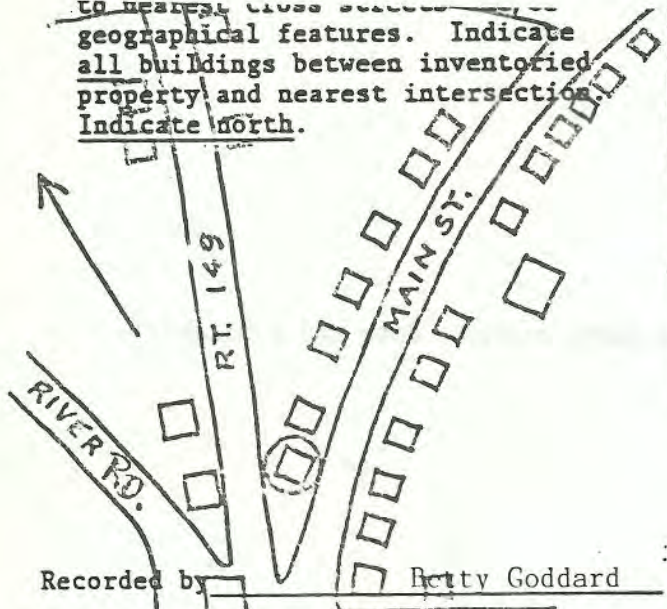
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to nearest cross streets or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1983 revised 1985

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and
evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Marstons Mills Library is a simple 1½ story cottage enclosed by a gable roof and extended by several ells.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state
history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Marstons Mills Library was founded on 8/22/1891. The building was erected in 1894 on land donated by Robinson Weeks. The cost of the original building was \$425.00 and was financed by a bank mortgage. This was paid for by fairs, ice cream socials, dramatic entertainments, etc. The first library was seven shelves in the Post Office then located below the old Grist Mill. The Marstons Mills Public Library was incorporated Nov. 5, 1947 and after 1960 the collection was organized under the Dewey Decimal system.

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