

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	3



Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 64 Cotuit Road

Historic Name Benson House

Use: Present dwelling

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840

Source Registry of Deeds, B.C.

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings new garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

none

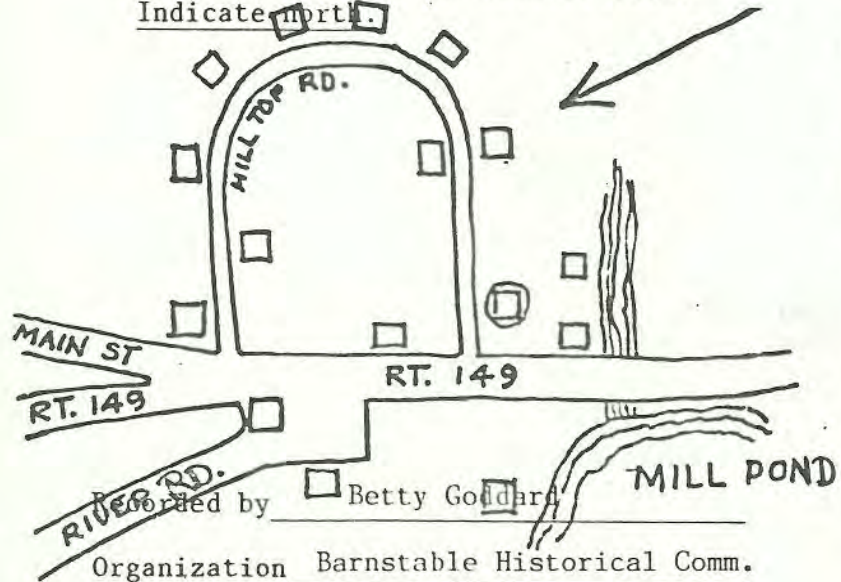
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Approx. acreage .45

Setting residential village area

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Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1980 revised 1985

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Benson House is a fine example of the Greek Revival style with a lean-to ell which may predate the house. The main section faces gable end to the street and is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories. Its side entry has sidelights and a full entablature. Windows have simple surrounds and contain 6/6 sash. A semi-circular window is located in the gable.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This is another house built on land generally owned by members of the Marston family. The house now owned by Frank McClusky and his son Robert was previously owned by Moses Sherman, before that about the time of WWII by Artemus Griffin, and before then by Revilo P. Benson. It was built originally by a Marston. There was once a blacksmith shop on the property at the rear of the house. The largest elm on Cape Cod once stood there. There are hand hewn beams fastened with wooden pegs in the attic, and wide floor boards a good center chimney and one fireplace.

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