

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## Photograph



**Town:** Barnstable

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

**Address:** 765 Osterville-W. Barnstable Road

**Historic Name:** Manuel Mendes House

**Uses: Present:** Single family residence

**Original:** Single family residence

**Date of Construction:** 1930

**Source:** Barnstable deeds 473/293-4

**Style/Form:** Craftsman

**Architect/Builder:** Manuel Moniz

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: Poured concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

### Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None

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

Two story addition to rear, 1994;  
External chimney for fireplace on south side;  
Addition of two leaded pane windows.

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

**Moved:** no | X | yes || **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 2.84 acres

**Setting:** On busy road facing Marstons Mills Middle School

## 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

765 OSTERVILLE-WEST BARNSTABLE ROAD,  
MARSTONS MILLS, BARNSTABLE

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a two-story Craftsman style house, perhaps of Sears Roebuck design. It is placed on a rectangular concrete foundation measuring 20 x 30, gable ended with a screened porch under a hip roof on the street side (east). There is a small shed dormer on the north side. On the second story facade are two windows, and above it in the attic is a small window with leaded glass. There are two brick chimneys, one at the peak, and another outside the south wall. The exterior is clad in unstained white cedar shingle except for the front facade, which is painted pink, with plum colored shutters. The trim is white. Exposed rafter ends. On the north side of the first floor is a large square window with leaded panes in a decorative design.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was built in 1930 by the contractor Manuel Moniz, born Brava, Cape Verde 1897, died Osterville 1980. He had bought about 6 acres of land from Richard Macomber in 1929, and placed this house on the road on the north half of the land. Moniz built a series of Craftsman bungalows along Cammett Rd. and on this road south of Route 28, and next door at # 745. It was prefabricated for Wood Lumber Co. of Falmouth.

In May 1930 Moniz sold this house to Manuel Mendes, a fellow Cape Verdean, but no relation to the neighboring Mendes family. The \$2500 mortgage of the same date probably represents the cost of the house and lot. In 1933 the bank foreclosed on Manuel and his wife Mary P. Mendes. It was unable to sell the house until 1940, when it was bought by a Black woman from Greenbay VA, Emilie J. Hurtt (1902-96), widow of retired Greenbay farmer John E. Hurtt of Newton. The house was sold in 1998 for \$47,000 to the current owner, landscaper Gregory S. Bush (b. 1957) of Centerville. He runs his own landscaping firm here, and personally made extensive improvements to the structure.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 471/50, 423/293-4, 495/369, 569/413-4, 10413/10.  
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