

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town: Barnstable

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

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Address: 1161 Osterville-West Barnstable Road

Historic Name: Charles H. Reid House

Uses: Present: Single family residence

Original: Single family residence

Date of Construction: 1926

Source: Deed 428/126; Reid family history

Style/Form: Colonial revival gambrel

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage to south, shed to south, shed to north, 5 greenhouses SW

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

10 x16 addition on north end converted from porch to office 1955.

Condition: Close to original

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

Acreage: 4.53 acres

Setting: Rural farmland east of Shubael Pond

Recorded by: J. W. Gould

Organization: Marstons Mills Historical Society,
Barnstable Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): June, 2009

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

1161 OSTERVILLE-WEST BARNSTABLE ROAD
MARSTONS MILLS, BARNSTABLE

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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.

Gambrel roofed two-story Colonial Revival on concrete foundation measuring 24 x 30. A one story shed roof 10 x 16 addition under shed roof on north side. Clad in natural cedar shingle with white trim. Show rafters on front and rear.

Extensive wood-framed outbuildings include a three car garage, an attached shed, five greenhouses and two small sheds.

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 part of the Plains west of Shubael Pond (originally Round Pond) was given to the Hamblin family in the second proprietors' division of 1706. By 1920 Nathan and Calvin Hamblin had sold much of the land to Frank T. Lapham who sold 4.6 acres to Charles Hay Reid (1872-1948). He was a Scottish nurseryman who had a successful flower and vegetable business in Stirling, Scotland and followed his brothers to America in 1912, starting in Franklin MA with his family, then in Topsfield. In 1918 he became superintendent of the R. & J. Farquhar nursery in Marstons Mills. The Reids moved into the house of Shubael Hamblin north of the pond in 1918. After the death of the Farquhar brothers and sale of the nursery to Swede Nelson, in 1926 Reid bought 4.5 acres to the east of Farquhar from Frank Lapham, calling the business Charles H. Reid Nursery and Landscape. Later three acres were added from the Hamblins (1935), and 20 acres from the Crockers (1938), across the road where Charles's son Hay Reid built his house. The present house was built in 1926, as were the garage and greenhouses. The garden shed came from Osterville after the 1944 hurricane. In 1955 the screened porch on the north side was enclosed for a nursery office.

The west portion of the nursery, 20 acres was sold to the developer John Shields in 1973. In 1976 Shields sold the house on 4.5 acres for \$65,000 to the present tenant, Reids' nursery foreman Austin Francis Eldridge Jr. (b. 1932) and his wife Laura L. Fulcher, who died in 1994. Austin was born in the Thomas/Pierce house west of the mill pond in Marstons Mills, son of Austin Sr. and Ethel May Chase, daughter of Ethel (Tarr) Pierce, wife of Charles H. Pierce. In 2007 Austin gave it to their son Lawrence (b. 1960) with life tenancy.

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