

FORM B - BUILDING

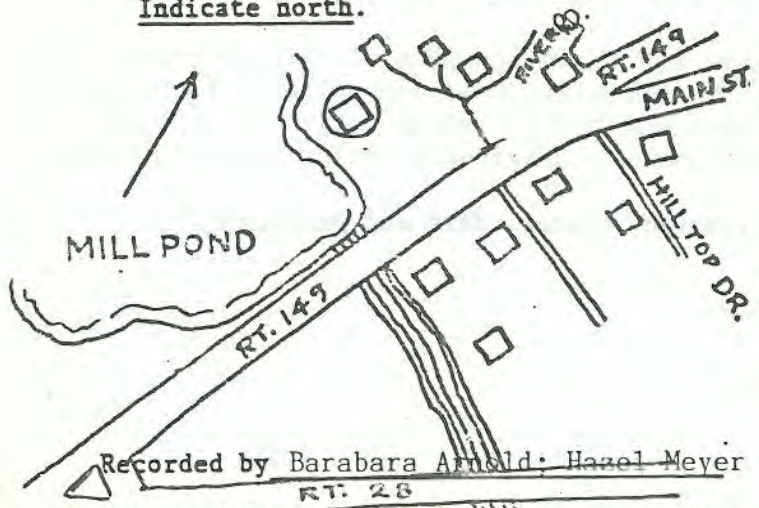
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AREA MMA	FORM NO. 4
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to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Barabara Arnold; Hazel Meyer  
 RT. 28  
 Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.  
 Date 1983 revised 1985

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 71 Cotuit Rd. (Rte. 149)

Historic Name William Marston House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1780

Source County Registry

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn, guest house, boat house

Major alterations (with dates) restored

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 3.01

Setting residential village area

57-20-A4\*  
 85-10-A4  
 85-3-A4

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

The William Marston House is a fine example of the Georgian style. It is a 2½ story wood frame structure rising two stories to a gable roof with central chimney. The symmetrical five bay facade is centered around an entry with transom and surround with pilasters and entablature. Windows have simple frames and contain 6/6 sash. The house is extended to the rear by a one story ell. When the building was renovated and restored in the 1960's all possible original material was retained or reused and replacements were in keeping with the early character of the house.

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

In 1963, Eugene P. and Catherine K. Tambuie bought the buildings from W. Brewster Towne and Eugene P. Tambuie. Mr. Tambuie died in 1982, his wife received the estate. Mr. Towne and Mr. Tambuie had purchased and restored a number of historic buildings in the New England to use as inns and restaurants; this house became the residence of the Tambuie's after a complete restoration.

Towne and Tambuie in 1957 bought the holding from the heirs of Grace Higgins, who died in 1952. Miss Priscilla Higgins, a daughter, lives on Lot A in a house that served as an office for father, a doctor. The small house was an ell of Nathaniel Hinckley's home (MMA-6, 14) In 1896, Mrs. Grace Higgins, wife of Dr. James H. Higgins, received the house on 4½ acres as a gift from her father, Henry Babbitt. Dr. Babbitt had purchased the previous year from the children of Sarah B. Phinney who died in 1894. Mrs. Phinney had inherited the house in 1882 from her brother William Marston. William Marston, son of Benjamin, was married twice and left no living children. His father Benjamin died in 1819 and his mother Eunice died in 1826, leaving her real and personal estate to her son William. Probably the house was built by Benjamin Marston, 3rd generation in Marstons Mills.

In 1906, Grace Higgins bought 1 acre with house and buildings east of this property from Anne Hinckley, widow of Nathaniel Hinckley. Mr. Hinckley owned and operated the fulling mill from the mid 1830's. In 1832 Mr. Hinckley bought the right and title to the land on which his house stood from Clement and Allen Marston. Originally, River Road continued

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Barnstable (Marstons Mill Center	Form No: MMA-4
Property Name: Wm Marston House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

south between the Higgins and Hinckley properties and joined Cotuit Rd. beside the Mill Pond. After Mrs. Higgins incorporated the Hinckley homestead into her estate, River Rd. stopped at and created the square in front of the Cash Market.

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