

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

**Town:** Barnstable

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 1127 Osterville-West Barnstable Road

**Historic Name:** Sutherland House

**Uses:** Present: Single family residence

Original: Single family residence

**Date of Construction:** 1937

**Source:** Barnstable deed 525/339; Owner

**Style/Form:** Colonial revival

**Architect/Builder:** Paul Lebel of Centerville

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Cement

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Summer shed SW; Cottage SE

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Screened porch on W end converted to two-story extension, 1947.

**Condition:** Core is close to original, with additions

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

**Acreage:** 30.76 acres

**Setting:** East side of Shubael Pond in secluded woodland.

## 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

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a two-story Colonial Revival side-gabled neo-Georgian residence, with extensions on both ends. At the south end is a two-story gable, with a one-story gable to the west. At the north end is a one-story garage, connected to a playroom to the west. The exterior is clad in cedar shingle with white trim. The centered entry is has a segmented pediment.

There are two outbuildings, a one story shingled summer shed to SW, and a separate one-story eclectic vernacular style cottage (listed as # 1125 Osterville-W.Barnstable Rd., assessor's # 125/43).

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

This land was the southern portion of the R. & J. Farquhar nursery bordering the northeast side of Shubael Pond, which the partners acquired from Andrew L. Lawrence in 1911. It was not a part of the 50 acres of the Shubael Hamblin farm, but the portion on the west side of the Osterville-W.Barnstable Road.

Farquhar sold the whole of the former Lawrence grant in 1926 to Nils V. Nelson, famous for leading the undefeated Harvard football team to the Rose Bowl in 1920, where they defeated Oregon 7 to 6. Nelson's family was in the Boston textile business. He and his wife Esther lived in Winthrop MA and summered in the ancient Shubael Hamblin house (c. 1767).

In 1937 Nelson sold about 10 acres at the center portion of this 30+ acre property to his friend John Hollis Sutherland, also a Boston textile manufacturer, who lived in New Rochelle NY, and was President of JP Stevens, the second largest textile firm in America. The title is in the name of his wife Alice Channell. No deed is recorded until a land court decree of 1978, but a mortgage of 1937 for \$8000 (525/539) appears to cover the house, which the heirs say was built in that year. The cost was \$14,000. The builder was Paul Lebel, who had built the first Oyster Harbors Clubhouse in 1926.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 315/407, 440/295, 525/339, 569/523, 592/308; Land Court certificates #1968, 6816, 61669, 73753, 87612, 88435, 98633; Land Court plans 12034C, 38428.

Hay Reid autobiographical memoir, typescript 1979.

Interview with owner Kenneth Sutherland 14 July 2009.

National Register form B # MMC 48, Shubael Hamblin house, 133 Evergreen.

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**Historical Narrative, cont'd:**

The original grant had only 50 feet on the pond. In 1940 the Sutherlands acquired 378 feet on the pond in a 4.3 acre parcel to the south, and about the same amount of waterfront on a parcel to the north, about 16 acres. Both parcels were acquired from Allan H. and Cornelia Crocker. The northwest boundary of 1308 feet which separates this from the original Shubael Hamblin farm is the public right of way called Shubael Pond Road. This is lined on the Sutherland's side with a row of spruce trees planted by Hay Reid for the Farquhar nursery. Beneath the dirt road is a large clay culvert which apparently drains into the pond from the source of the Skunknet River near the old schoolhouse.

About 1947 the Sutherlands had Hyannis architect Walter M. Gaffney design an extension to the south, enclosing the former screened porch, and expanding the master bedroom on the second floor. The terrace to the west of this extension was enclosed in the 1960s.

Alice Sutherland died in 1963. In 1974 John Sutherland set aside .69 acres at the rear of the main house and built a cottage (#1125) for his friend the widow Helen B. Munsell. After Joseph's death in 1979 the whole property was inherited by his children Carol E. Sutherland of Darien CT and Kenneth Sutherland, a vice president of JP Stevens Company. In 1982 Kenneth reacquired the Munsell cottage in the name of his wife Suzanne.