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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Place (neighborhood or village) BARNSTABLE
Newtown (Marstons Mills)

Address: 153 Regency Dr.

Historic Name: Lynxholm

Present: Residence

Original: Summer estate

Year of Construction: 1954

Design: Architect's plan w/ Lydia O'Connor

Style/Form: Eclectic Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: Charles B. Weatherley of Boston

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Cedar shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Barn to west dates before 1954 fire, probably to 1919 or earlier.

Major Alterations (with dates): Kitchen extended into porch 1979 ; East wings extended 10 ft. 1995

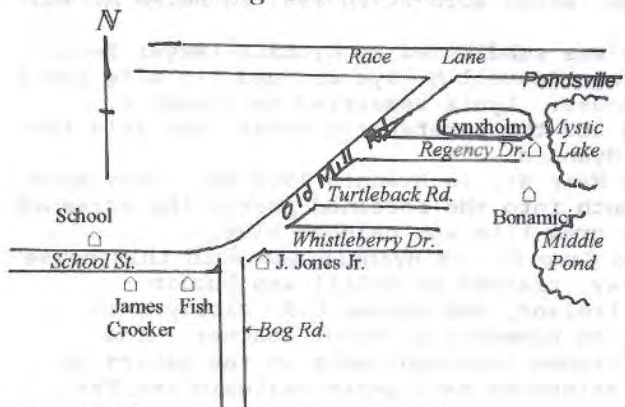
Condition Somewhat altered

Moved no yes Date:

Acreage: 1.87

Setting: In suburban style development, overlooking Mystic Lake.

relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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Organization: Marstons Mills
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Date (month / year) 26 May 2000

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

"Lynxholm" is a one story Colonial Revival house on an H plan, with gable extension on the south end. The house is centered on the Great Room, with its stone fireplace at the south end, and windows on both east and west sides, the east side lighted by a broad three-sided bay window. From the north side of the Great Room, one door leads into the small front entry hall from which the recessed front door exits west, and the second door into a small dressing room. Beyond these the north gabled wing has a bathroom between a bedroom on the west end, and master bedroom on the east, a room that was extended 10 feet eastward in 1995. The south gable wing is identical in shape, with a bedroom on the west end, bath in the middle and the dining room on the east, also extended 10 feet in 1995. Beyond this south wing extends the kitchen gable, enclosed on south and east sides by a screened porch, the south part now enclosed. An unusual detail are the five Dutch doors, originally painted red.

The exterior is clad in cedar shingle, with grey trim, which was deep blue in 1995, as painted by the Thorpes in 1979, but previously grey. The six gable ends had three dove-cote openings in the peak, but only one remains, on the south gable, with vertical board siding that may not be original.

There is one large outbuilding, a garage/stable/workshop about 40 x 40 ft. lying to the west of the house. The original building appears to have been extended northward at an early date. The car entrances are on the south side, with a corn room, stalls on the west side, and a wood stove in the extension. The framing is wood, clad in cedar shingle painted white, like the trim.

The landscaping has a number of notable elements which appear to have been planted with the original house: large hollies on the southwest, giant hydrangeas, a florida dogwood.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

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.

Soon after World War I Maurice H. Klouse of Brookline and his wife Adelaide assembled an estate of 70 acres south of Race Lane between Old Mill Rd. and Mystic Lake which he called Camp Adelaide. The former James Crocker and Henry Cadmus properties already had buildings on them, perhaps including the barn that stands today. The main house, probably built in 1919 was a one-story hip-roofed cottage clad in cedar shingle. A guest house was built southeast about 1932, and the caretaker's house northeast, now separate properties. On Klouse's death in 1933 the estate of 68 acres was valued at \$10,450, and sold to Alice M. Nelles of Stoneham for \$12,000.

In 1937 it was renamed "Lynxholm", the summer home for the Boston department store heir Lincoln Filene, named with evident pun, Linc's home. In 1945 he transferred ownership to Helen Filene Ladd, wife of George E. Ladd Jr. of Providence. The house burned down in the winter of 1953-4, and the present house was built on plans of Charles B. Weatherley of 7 Water St., Boston, patterned after the Bonamici House of David Halpert which lies to the south on the pond. The property was left to Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, which sold it in 1967 to Helen A. and Sidney B. Rogal of Boston and Palm Beach.

Following Rogal's death in 1971 the 62 acre estate was subdivided by Hyannis lawyer Peter Thompson, who sold this house in 1973 to Sagamore lumberman Roswell H. Nye Jr. and his wife Lydia (Hawkrige) of Harwichport, who made no changes in the house. Lydia remarried to Thomas D. O'Connor of Milton, and built her own house between this and the caretaker's house, and sold the house in 1977 to Dr. Robert S. and Eleanor B. Thrope of Hyannis.

Dr. Thrope was an internist in general practice on Main St. in Hyannis 1953-98. They made a number of changes in 1979: The kitchen was extended south into the screened porch; the screened porch off the bedroom was removed to create a patio; the grey trim was painted blue.

After 15 years residence here the Thropes moved to Camp St. in Hyannis and sold this house in 1995 to the present owners, neurosurgeon Patrick Murray, trained at McGill and Dublin Universities. Both he and his wife Brenda were born in Ireland, and became U.S. citizens in early 2000. Their son is a lawyer in Boston, married to an elementary school teacher. The Murrays made a number of changes in 1995: inserting half-round louvered vents in the gables in lieu of the dove-cotes, altering trim from blue to gray, extending each gable eastward ten feet, creating a formal garden on terraces on the east side.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable deeds 201/60, 275/581, 313/446, 365/217, 368/231, 312, 370/185, 491/20.

Barn. Land Court certs. C4517, C7798, C39488, C59850, C39645, C55344, C62087, C67716, C72455, C137340; plan 16427D.

Barn. Probate 24305, folder I "Will" (Klouse).

Interviews with owner Brenda Murray 7 April 2000; former owners Lydia (Nye) O'Connor, Eleanor B. Thrope 30 May 2000; neighbor Charles Halpert 30 May 2000; local historian Charles E. Hamblin 30 May 2000.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria*



owned by Maurice H. Klaus in 1920's & early 1930
sold to Lincoln Filene; probably about 1934-35"



"Lynxholm: Mr Lincoln Filene purchased property from
Maurice H. Klaus in mid 30's and built house of left later.
The white house burned down in the 1950's."

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