

FORM B - BUILDING

Barnstable, MA MRA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
MMA	17

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address Main Street

Historic Name Methodist Church (former)

Use: Present Community Church (1981)

Original Methodist Church

DESCRIPTION

Date before 1830

Source Trayser

Style Greek Revival with Queen Anne elements

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard; shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) belfry added

c. 1890; rear ell added 1915; side ell (Memorial Hall) added 1959.

Condition _____

good

Moved from Yarmouth Date 1830

Acreage .23 78/59

Setting residential village area

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

see attached assessors' map

UTM REFERENCE 19/382420/4612100

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Marstons Mills Methodist Church possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for the central role it has played in the development and continuation of Marstons Mill's village life, and as a good local example of 19th century ecclesiastical architecture. It thus meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Built sometime before 1830 and brought from Yarmouth in that year, the former Methodist Church was a small simple building of rectangular plan and enclosed by a gable roof. Probably the belfry was added in 1888, but perhaps as late as 1908. It exhibits features of the Queen Anne style as well, such as its decorative shingling and form. The belfry rises from a pedimented entry porch centered on one of the gable ends, and containing a handsome double leaf entry whose doors are pannelled and also glazed with decorative Queen Anne style sash. The rear ell is a small one story structure. The side ell is also one story, but much larger extending for six bays.

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

The Methodist Church began to be popular on Cape Cod in the very early 19th century. "Classes" were held in private homes, including one at Hamblin Plains (Area MMC), established c. 1819. These small groups were served by circuit preachers. Soon after 1826, the Methodist Episcopal Society was formed at Marstons Mills. In 1830, a church building was moved by oxen from Yarmouth to land on Main Street given by Allan Marston and Ebenezer Scudder. Remodeling projects have occurred in 1858, 1888, 1908, and 1915, including addition of a belfry in the Queen Anne style, and of a small rear ell. In 1959 a surplus barracks from near-by Otis Airforce Base was moved to the church and added as Memorial Hall. Most of the work was done by church members. In 1964-65 a parsonage was acquired. In 1968 the Osterville and Marstons Mills churches united to form the United Methodist Church of Osterville. The parsonage was rented then sold. In 1974 it was used a school called "The Children's Path." Now the building is once again being used for its original purpose as the home of the Community Church, organized in 1981 with Philip Sherman as minister.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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- The Seven Villages of Barnstable. 1976.
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Methodist Church

Entered in this
National Register for
Keeper

Shelton Byrum 3-13-87

Attest

72. Osterville Baptist Church

Substantive Review for
Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Peth L. Savage 9/18/87

73. Osterville Community
Church

Substantive Review for
Keeper

Attest

74. Phinney, William and Jane,
House

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National Register for
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75. Rhodehouse, Nelson, House

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76. Richardson, John, House

Substantive Review for
Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

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Peth L. Savage 9/18/87

77. Robbins, Joseph, House

Substantive Review for
Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/10/87

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78. Round House

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79. Sampson's Folly--Josiah
Sampson House

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Peth L. Savage 9/18/87

80. Santuit Post Office

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Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Methodist Church (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

JAN 27 1987

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87

Action: ACCEPT 3-13-87

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

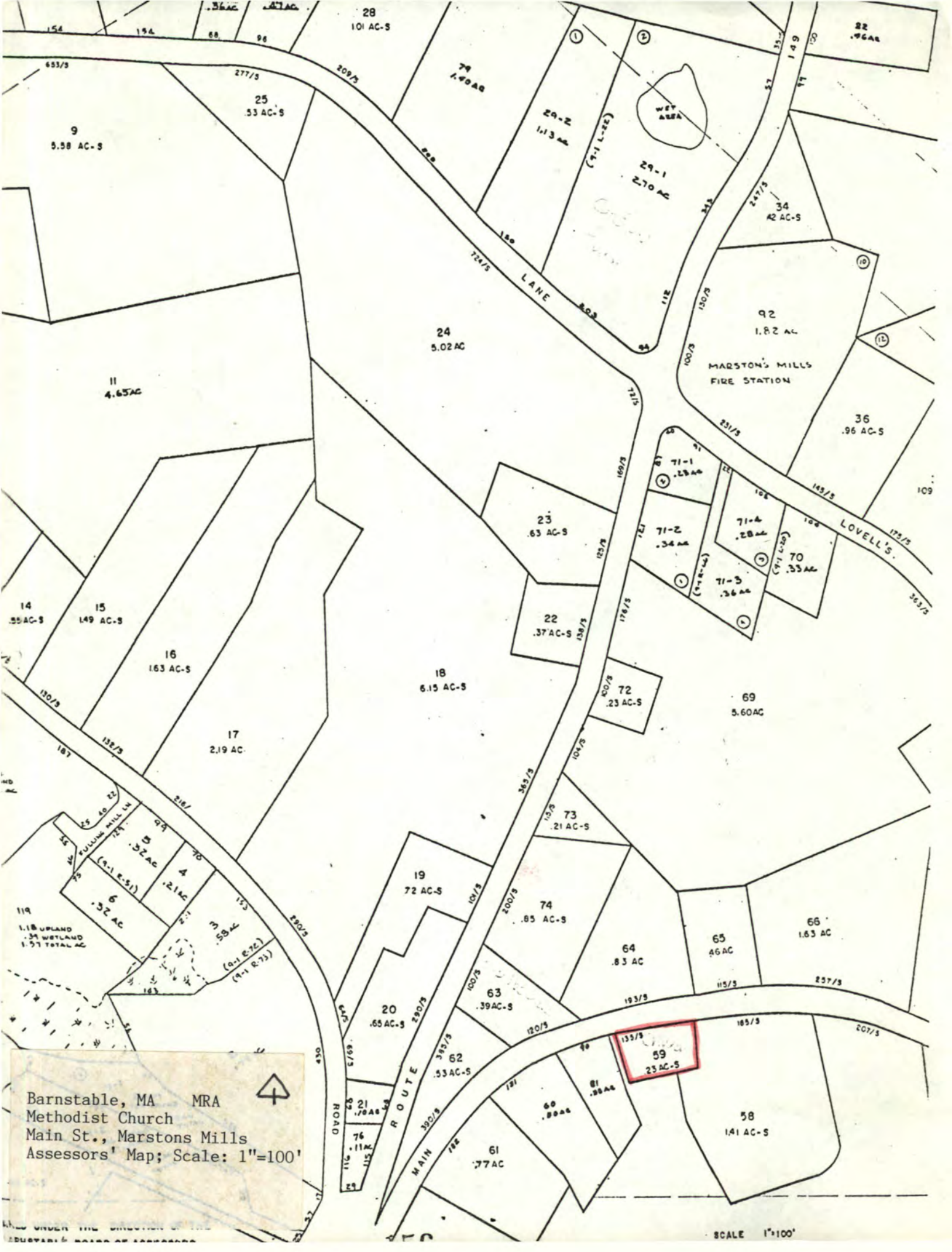


Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Methodist Church MMA 17

Main Street 1985

facing S



Barnstable, MA MRA
 Methodist Church
 Main St., Marstons Mills
 Assessors' Map; Scale: 1"=100'

SCALE 1"=100'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271