

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Barnstable, MA MRA
AREA FORM NO.

MMA	13
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Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 261 Cotuit Road (Rte. 149)

Historic Name Gifford Farm

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1850

Source County Registry

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric asbestos

Outbuildings barn

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition good

Moved No Date

Acreage 2.7 78/29/1

Setting residential at edge of village

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 19/382430/4612480

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Gifford Farm possesses integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with Marstons Mills 19th and 20th agricultural history, and as a 20th century village gathering place. It is also significant as an unusual Greek Revival style double house. The property 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.

The Gifford Farm is an interesting and unusual example of the Greek Revival style in Barnstable. It is a full cottage rising 1 1/2 stories to a gable roof; rather than the traditional five bay facade, however, it is a double house with twin entries centered between pairs of windows. It is trimmed with wide cornerboards and a full entablature running beneath the eaves. It is distinguished by a central facade gable and a one story Doric porch. Windows contain 6/6 sash. Despite siding, the house retains all of its important features.

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

Chipman Hinckley assembled a large land holding in Marstons Mills between 1800-1840. It is believed that he built the present house c. 1850. When Chipman died in 1858, his estate went to his son Russell. The property remained in the Hinckley family until 1882, when it was purchased by Sylvanus Bourne. The estate at that time was described as a homestead, outbuildings and 200 acres. Sylvanus died in 1887 and in 1890, Caroline Bodge purchased it from his heirs. From Caroline, it went to Louis Kleinschmidt in 1898, and then to Lorenzo Gifford in 1919. It was at this time that it achieved its greatest historical significance. Lorenzo developed a large dairy herd with attendant milk route, a slaughterhouse and a smoke house. This remained, until the mid-20th century, as Marstons Mills last working farm. Additionally, from 1926-1941, Mrs. Gifford served as post mistress, with facilities in a building on the premises, making it a village social center in the early-mid 20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Town Assessors Map 78/29
Oral History: Sue Davenport Johnson, Cotuit Rd., Marstons Mills

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable Co., MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Crocker, Lot, House

~~Substantive Review~~
Keeper

Keeper

Patrick Andrus 3/13/87

Attest

Beth Savage 3/13/87

42. Crosby, Daniel, House

~~Substantive Review~~
Keeper

Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth Savage 9/18/87

43. Crosby House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/13/87

Attest

44. Crosby Yacht Company
Incorporated

~~Substantive Review~~
Keeper

Keeper

Attest

45. Fuller House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/13/87

Attest

46. Gifford Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/13/87

Attest

47. Gleason, Dr. Edward
Francis, House

~~Substantive Review~~
Keeper

Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/18/87

Attest

Beth Savage 9/18/87

48. Goodspeed, Allen, House

~~Substantive Review~~
Keeper

Keeper

Attest

49. Goodspeed House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/13/87

Attest

50. Gray, Capt. Thomas,
House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/13/87

Attest

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gifford Farm (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JAN 27 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 2/26/87 - 3/13/87
Action: ACCEPT 3-13-87
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

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

Gifford Farm MMA13
261 Cotuit Rd. 1984
Facing NW



Barnstable, MA MRA
Gifford Farm
261 Cotuit Road, Marstons
Mills
Assessors' map
Scale: 1"=100'

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SCALE 1"=100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271