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Barnstable, MA MRA

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
MMA	45

JAN 27 1987



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

wn Barnstable (Marstons Mills)

Address 1874 South County Road

Historic Name Merrill Estate

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Age c1750-1775

Source owner, style

Style Georgian cape

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn, small woodshed

Major Alterations (with dates)

front wing, c1825-1850

Condition good

Moved no Date

Acreage 3.0 98/8-1

Setting residential street leading from

Rte. 28 to Osterville Center

UTM REFERENCE 19/383160 /4611840

USGS QUADRANGLE Cotuit, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins

Organization Barnstable Historical Comm.

Date 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Merrill Estate possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associations with Barnstable's early agricultural history as well as its later summer resort history. It is also important as a well preserved Georgian style farmhouse with a substantial Greek Revival style addition. 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 Merrill Estate is a 1 and 1/2 story, full five bay Cape cottage enclosed by a gable roof with massive center chimney. In the mid-19th century, a 1 and 1/2 story Greek Revival style wing was added to the front of the house. This section is distinguished by windows with projecting lintels and 2/2 sash, and a porch along its eastern flank. The entire structure is shingle clad. A two bay English style barn sits behind the house, testifying to its early agricultural history.

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

Due to a fire in the County Courthouse in 1827, the early deeds to this property have been destroyed. The earliest remaining deed refers to a conveyance made in 1821 from Russell Lovell to William Sturgis. It is believed that Lovell and Sturgis were early sea captains. Captain Lovell of Osterville was commander of the schooner FOREST CITY which left for New York on April 3, 1863 with hay for the Union Army in South Carolina and was lost with all hands. Captain Sturgis is best remembered for leaving his boyhood home to the town of Barnstable along with \$15,000 in trust for a public library (Area BV/WB).

In 1834, William Sturgis sold this homestead to Harvey Scudder and Theophilus L. Adams, when the first summer people started coming to the Cape. Harvey Scudder and his brother Erastus, along with J.H. Churchill, H.W. Chapin and F.A. Crocker, formed the Osterville Land Co. and acquired most of the beachfront property that is now Wianno (Area OVC). Harvey sold his half of this property to Theophilus Adams in 1841, and Adams in turn sold to Charles Gifford in 1859, retaining a life estate. In 1889, Elizabeth Gifford sold the homestead to Ann E. Merrill of Melrose. The property has remained in the Merrill family to this day.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Merrill Estate (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

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

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*See general review
Comments for MRA.*

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Spiegel
Discipline Architectural History
Date 3/13/87
_____ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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*)

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- applicable criteria
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- context
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- 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 Patrick Andrus Date 3/13/87 Phone: _____

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received 1/27/87

date entered

Continuation sheet Item number Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. Jenkins, Joseph, House <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
62. Jenkins, John, Homestead <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
63. Jenkins--Whelden Farmstead <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
64. Liberty Hall <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
65. Lincoln House Club <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
66. Lovell, Capt. George, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Patrick Andrews 11/10/87</u> Attest <u>Beth L. Savage 11/10/87</u>
67. Lovell, Nehemiah, House <i>Substantive Review</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> Attest <u>Beth L. Savage 9/18/87</u>
68. Marstons Mills Hearse House and Cemetery <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
69. Marston, William, House <i>Entered in this National Register</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Melvin Byrum 3/13/87</u> Attest _____
70. Merrill Estate <i>Substantive Review</i>	<i>Keeper</i> <u>Patrick Andrews 9/18/87</u> Attest <u>Beth L. Savage 9/18/87</u>

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Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTS

~~Substantive Review~~

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 9/20/87
Action: ACCEPT 9-18-87
 RETURN
 REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Well-preserved Georgian Style
farmhouse w/ substantial
Greek Revival addition.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 9/18/87
_____ see continuation sheet

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Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



House on So. County Rd, Marstons Mills (1st on left going
toward Osterville
from Rt. 28)

6 (32)

Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Merrill Estate MMA 45
1874 South County Rd. 1985
Facing NE

86-10

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271