

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORM NO.</u>
MM A	19

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

Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)
Address Rte. 149, Marstons Mills
Historic Name Marstons Mills Hearse House

Use: Present vacant
Original Marstons Mills Hearse House

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1885
Source Town of Barnstable Clerk's Records
Style Vernacular
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles-painted white
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Repaired-1985, concrete footings, new timbers to replace rotten boards. Jacked up & lowered Condition on concrete footings.

fair-good

Moved no Date See form MMA 801
Acreage N/A 79/13
Setting Abuts Marstons Mills Cemetery and Rte. 149

UTM REFERENCE C-19/382770/4612940
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 Marstons Mills Hearse House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It is significant for its associations with the village of Marstons Mills, and, especially, as the only remaining building of its type in the town to remain substantially unaltered from the mid 19th century. 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.

The Hearse House is a small wood frame structure of rectangular plan and enclosed by a gable roof. A double leaf door is located on one of the gable ends. The building is sheathed with decorative shingles. It is located on the village cemetery (MMA-801) lot, and is the only building of its type in the town to remain intact.

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

The Town of Barnstable is divided into seven villages. During the 1800s, each of the seven villages were provided with a horse drawn hearse and hearse house, usually built next to the oldest burying ground in the village. The money to pay for the hearses and construction of hearse houses was appropriated by town meeting. Repairs to the hearses and houses were also done at town expense. An entry in the 1889 Town of Barnstable Report states "B. F. & C. C. Crocker, paint Marstons Mills Hearse House...\$4.50." This small building ceased to serve as a hearse house during the early 1930s. The building had recently been used as a combination storage, tool shed, cemetery maintenance catch all by the Town's Structures and Grounds Department. Vandals had repeatedly broken into the building causing damage to the interior and contents.

In October of 1984, the Town of Barnstable was preparing to move the building to Sandy Neck to be used as a gatehouse. Several Marstons Mills residents as well as the Barnstable Historical Commission objected to having this building moved and the operation was suspended. Although still owned by the Town, the Marstons Mills Civic and Historical groups have become guardians of the little building, fund raising the money necessary to repair where needed, protect by better street lighting and insure that the Marstons Mills Hearse House stays at its original location.

A Hearse thought to have been used in Marstons Mills is currently on display at the Donald G. Trayser Memorial Museum, Rte 6A, Cobb's Hill, Barnstable (See Form #C-88).

(con't.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Town of Barnstable Clerks' Records, Town Hall, Main Street, Hyannis, MA.
Town of Barnstable Annual Reports, 1885, 1889, Entire collection on file at the
Sturgis Library, Main Street (Rte. 6A) Barnstable, MA

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Marstons Mills Center	Form No: MMA-19
Property Name: Marstons Mills Hearse House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Historical Significance Continued

There are only two hearse houses left in the Town of Barnstable. The Marstons Mills house is the only one at its original location which has not been substantially altered. The other is currently a blacksmith shop in Barnstable Village (see Form #0-110).

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Barnstable, MA MRA MMA-801
1. Town Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Location Rte 149, Marstons Mills

Marstons Mills Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up Neglected
neglected, explain how)

Needs attention to gravestone repair

Approx. number gravestones 300-400

Oldest death date late 1700's

Recent death date still being used

established during the Colonial
by residents of Cotuit, especially the area of old Cotuit now called
Santuit (See Cotuit Inventory).

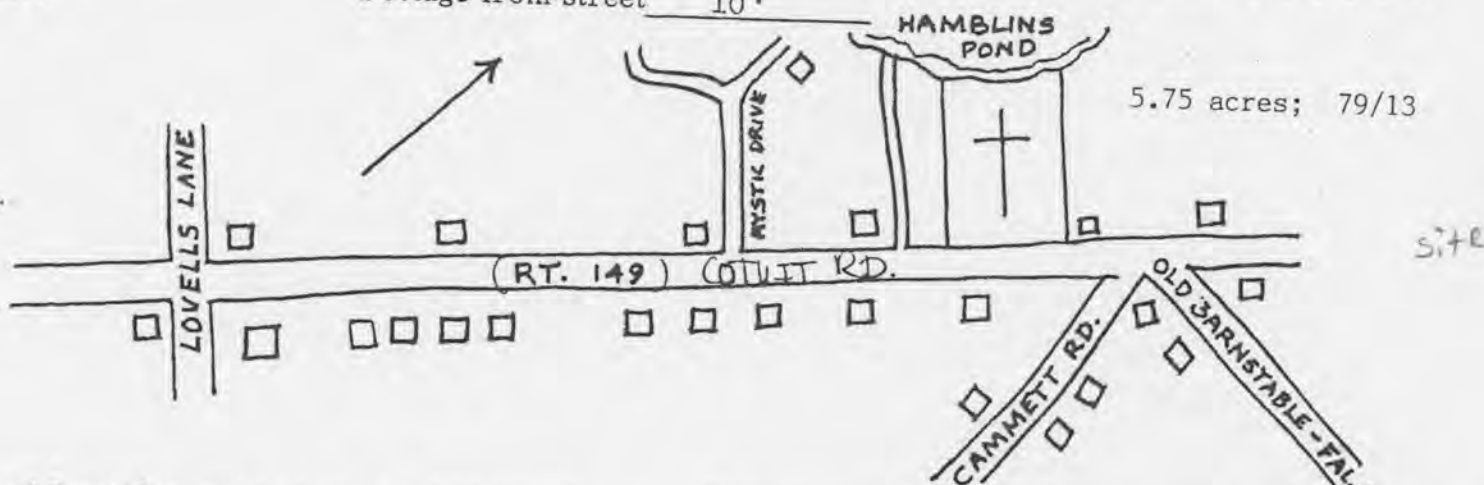
The portion of the cemetery nearest Cotuit Road (Rte 149) is
the oldest section and contains the graves of many of Marstons Mills
first families--Marstons, Goodspeeds, Hamblins, Laphams, Hinckleys.

Criteria

The Marstons Mills Cemetery possesses integrity of location, design, materials,
setting, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its associa-
tions with the development of Marstons Mills, and for the artistic quality of its
gravestones which include the full range of 19th century types. Criteria A and C.

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) 15 inscription legibility fair

4. MAP: Footage from street 10'



Name of Recorder Patricia J. Anderson Organization Barn. Historical Commission Date July, 1985

For MHC use: USGS

Form # A-801

Photo #84-11-A801

A 19/382730/4613900

B 19/382640/4613100

Cotuit, MA

1:25,000

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5. INDIVIDUAL STONES

A. Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

[illegible]

B. Pre-1830 Stones

[illegible]

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Barnstable MRA
State Barnstable County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Jenkins, Joseph, House

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

62. Jenkins, John, Homestead

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

63. Jenkins--Whelden Farmstead

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

64. Liberty Hall

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

65. Lincoln House Club

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

66. Lovell, Capt. George,
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/10/87

Attest

67. Lovell, Nehemiah, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Savage 11/10/87

Attest

68. Marstons Mills Hearse
House and CemeteryEntered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

69. Marston, William, House

Entered in this
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byrum 3/13/87

Attest

70. Merrill Estate

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/18/87

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Marstons Mills Hearse House and Cemetery
(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
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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	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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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

Marstons Mills Cemetery

Cotuit Rd. 1984

Facing W

MMAB01



Herster Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Hearse House MMA19

Cotuit Rd. 1984

facing W

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271