

FORM B - BUILDINGAREAFORM NO.

MMA

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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)

Address 271 River Road

Historic Name Goodspeed House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1653

Source Seven Villages of Barnstable

Style Vernacular cottage

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings barn

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

none

Condition good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 1 60/7

Setting residential village area

UTM REFERENCE 19/381810/4612680

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 Roger Goodspeed House possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant for its long term associations with the settlement of Marstons Mills and with the Goodspeed family, for its specific associations with Roger Goodspeed, and for its intact vernacular architecture. The house thus meets criteria A, B 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 Roger Goodspeed House, traditionally dated at c. 1653, is by far the oldest house in Marstons Mills, and one of the oldest in the entire town. It is a full five bay cottage rising $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories to a gable roof with center chimney. Its asymmetrical facade indicates that it may have originated as a half Cape (three bay facade). The entry surround has a projecting lintel shelf, while windows have simple surrounds and contain 6/6 sash. Both are set well below the roofline, indicating knee-wall construction. The house is extended by a rear ell that projects out toward a barn. Interestingly, the present form of the Goodspeed House reflects that of the original Lothrop House (c. 1640) in Barnstable Village as described in 1888 by Otis, "Mr. Lothrop's new house was 21' on the front or south side, and 29' on the east side. The chimney was on the west side, the oven projecting outside of the wall. The front posts were 11' high, and the rear $5\frac{1}{2}$, between the sill and plate the front posts extended about $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' above the chamber floor, making a half story in front."

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

Tradition affirms this to be the oldest house in the village dating from 1653. Roger Goodspeed is thought to be the first settler in Marstons Mills. He was granted land near the river, now Marstons Mills River, in 1653, a six acre house lot which later increased. He came from Barnstable Village and settled on his grant with his family. The river was then known as Goodspeed's River and the small settlement was known as Goodspeed's. His lands were later increased. The original farm remained in the family into the 18th century at least. According to Trayser, Goodspeed was one of Barnstable's first comers, a large land holder and a prominent man. Otis calls him the ancestor of all the Goodspeeds in the country. He died in 1658 leaving a wife, four sons and two daughters. The family multiplied and long was prominent in Marstons Mills and surrounding villages as well as in many distant places. Roger Goodspeed settled in Barnstable in 1639 and married Alice Layton in 1641, two years after his arrival from Devonshire, England. His children were three sons and three daughters. In 1653 he came across to Mystic (now Marstons Mills) on the South Side, becoming neighbor to the Ashumet or Mashpee Indians. Permission was granted for a fulling mill to be built on the river where the "Goodspeeds resided" (MMA-11). Roger died in 1685. Ebenezer, his son, lived to a great age and resided at Mystic and inherited the estate of his father. The home then descended from father to son. Ebenezer left 13 children. The home went to Moses, then to Seth, to Allen, to another Seth. The later Seth built ships, erected his home on the shore of East Bay.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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~~
8/1

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 3/13/87

Attest

Betty L. Savage 3/13/87

42. Crosby, Daniel, House

~~Substantive Review~~
8/1

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Betty L. Savage 9/18/87

43. Crosby House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byers 3/13/87

Attest

44. Crosby Yacht Company
Incorporated

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

45. Fuller House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byers 3/13/87

Attest

46. Gifford Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byers 3/13/87

Attest

47. Gleason, Dr. Edward
Francis, House

~~Substantive Review~~
8/1

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/18/87

Attest

Betty L. Savage 9/18/87

48. Goodspeed, Allen, House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Attest

49. Goodspeed House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byers 3/13/87

Attest

50. Gray, Capt. Thomas,
House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelene Byers 3/13/87

Attest

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETGoodspeed House (Barnstable MRA)
Barnstable County
MASSACHUSETTSWorking 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: _____Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheetNomination 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 | ☐ 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

Goodspeed House MMATZ
271 River Rd. 1985
Facing SE

AUG 1985



Barnstable, Mass. MRA

Goodspeed House MMA12

271 River Rd. 1985

facing NW



Barnstable, MA MRA
 Goodspeed House, 271 River Road, Marstons Mills
 Assessors' Map

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000271