

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town:** Barnstable

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*) Marstons Mills

## Photograph



**Address:** 274 Lovell's Lane

**Historic Name:** The Chicken Coop

**Uses:** Present: Single family home

Original: Chicken coop

**Date of Construction:** 1930 (1957)

**Source:** Assessor's card; Robert Parker

**Style/Form:** Vernacular cottage

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete blocks

Wall/Trim: Cedar shingle

Roof: Composition shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Two story garage to west.

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Brood house moved c. 1946;

Converted to one room house c. 1957;

Expanded 1981.

**Condition:** Greatly altered

**Moved:** no | yes |  | **Date** c. 1946

**Acreage:** 0.36 acres (15,475 sq.ft.)

**Setting:** Semi-rural on busy road near village center, backing up to power line.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** J. W. Gould

**Organization:** Marstons Mills Historical Society;  
Barnstable Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): August, 2009

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

274 LOVELLS LANE,  
MARSTONS MILLS, BARNSTABLE

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a one story vernacular cottage consisting of two gabled rectangles 16 x 34 next to 18 x 46. The main entry is on the east side under an open porch. The exterior is clad in cedar shingle with white trim.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The original chicken brood house was constructed in South Duxbury about 1930, and moved by Fred Bass after World War II to the Lorenzo Gifford farm, formerly the Kleinschmidt property (1898-1919) and before that the Bodge Farm of 200 acres extending to Grigson's and Run Ponds. It faced south onto former Hog Alley (for the Gifford piggery), renamed Lovell's Lane. This farm building was on 119 acres sold by Gifford to George P. Hadley for the Clear Lake Duck Farm. In 1943 Clear Lake sold a lot of about .8 acre with 163 feet frontage on Lovell's Lane, including the Davis house (see #266) and the chicken coop. It was sold to Alfred "Fred" R. Davis (1879-1956), an employee of the duck farm. In 1957 his widow Lydia May White Davis (1881-1976) subdivided the lot (Plan 137/68), sold this house on the west lot #2 to Alfred G. and Laura G. Austin of Vallejo CA. In 1978 Alfred Austin's heirs sold it to the present owner, Lucille Hausmann and her husband William P.R. Hausmann, a Schenectady architect. In 1981 they had Gary Sylvester make a 18 x 24 addition of two rooms at the rear. In 1986 the Hausmanns paid \$3.856 for 10,282 sq. feet of land to the west to construct a garage. It was bought from the Town of Barnstable which had taken it for delinquent taxes of Carl Nilsen, who had bought 5.6 acres from the Indian Lakes developers. In 1989 they built a two car garage with a second story studio for an estimated cost of \$12,000. After William's death in 1992 his widow continued to summer here.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Deeds 587/178, 603/119, 1878/198, 2667/298, 5168/106, 8360/148;  
Plans 21/117, 134/69, 203/53.

Interviews with Alan Hadfield 27 Aug. 2009, owner Lucille Hausmann, Lorenzo Gifford's grandson Robert Parker 28 Aug. 2009.  
Town of Barnstable building permits 32327, 23564.