

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Marion

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



Address: 921 Point Road

Historic Name: Haskins/Barros/DaSilva House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c.1897-1903

Source: Deeds, Maps

Style/Form: No style end house

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble stone, poured concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage or shed at rear of lot

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

Addition at rear (late 20th century); Sash and porch altered; skylights added (in recent decades)

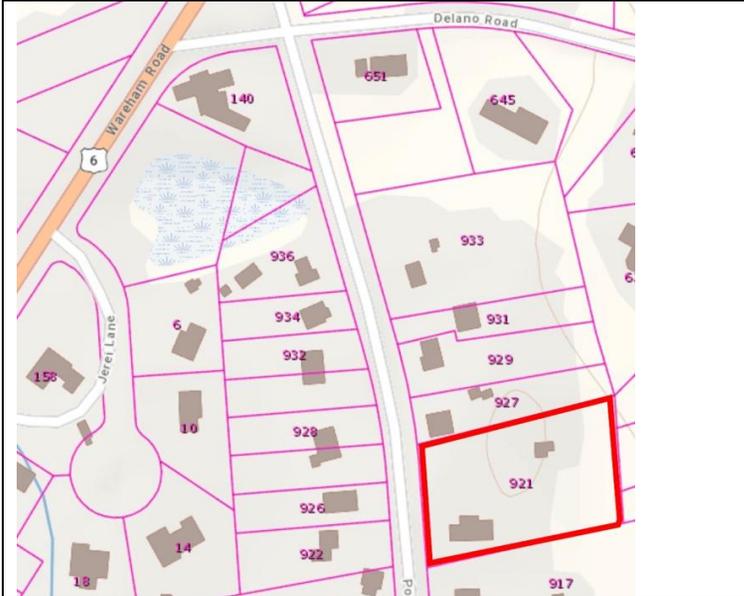
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 0.9612 acre

Setting: In a residential area on primary street. Surrounding buildings are primarily single-family residences constructed in the mid-20th century.

Locus Map (*North is Up*)



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Organization: Marion Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): August, 2020

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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.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Haskins/Barros/DaSilva House is a one-and-one-half story, wood-frame, narrow end house. The main block, set on a high foundation of rubblestone, has a footprint 16 feet wide and 26 feet deep; it may not include a side hall. It is augmented by a series of ells. An ell 14 feet wide and 13 deep extends from the rear of the north side of the main block, set on a poured concrete foundation. This foundation may be a later alteration, as an ell in this configuration appears on similar houses nearby. A larger addition, apparently of more recent vintage, with a footprint of roughly 30 by 26 feet, extends from the rear of both the main block and the ell. The main block has a front gabled roof, while the ell has a side gabled roof. The roof of the rear addition has a lower slope than those on the other sections of the house. On the front elevation of the main block there are three bays of fenestration, with a door aligned to the north side, suggesting a side-passage plan. There are three irregularly spaced windows on the south elevation; changes in shingling pattern suggests these have been altered in size and shape. The fenestration of the front elevation of the ell has likewise been altered, with a projecting canted bay. A brick chimney rises from the center of the main block at the ridge line. Another chimney is placed in the ell.

Entrance to the main block is through a porch that spans the width of the front elevation. The porch is reached through a set of wide fieldstone stairs, the most distinctive feature of the house. The porch is set on a high lattice base and has modern turned porch posts supporting the low hip roof, and square balusters. The main door is a modern embossed steel unit with light, covered by an aluminum screen door. A second porch, similarly articulated, runs along the south wall of the main block. It is likewise reached by a set of fieldstone stairs. The house is clad in unpainted wood shingles. It retains much of its simple original trim, including wide corner boards and trim boards under the eave line and at the raking cornice. Windows throughout have modern vinyl 1/1 sash. Skylights have been cut into the roof on the south side of the main block.

The house is deeply set back from Point Road and stands on a generous lot. A modern iron fence separates the property from the road. The grassy front yard is robustly planted with bushes and decorative trees; a concrete walk runs from the street to the front door. Along the south side of the property a gravel drive provides access to a one-story, gambrel-roofed shed or garage at the rear of the lot.

The Haskins/Barros/DaSilva House is a comparatively well-preserved example of a modest wood-frame cottage. It is similar in footprint and configuration to the Pierce/Silva House to the north along point road.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Haskins/Barros/DaSilva House at 921 Point Road is located in the northeast part of Marion known in the mid- and late- 19th and early 20th century as Hamblin's Corner and focused on the corner of Point Road and Wareham Road/Route 6 (see 961 Point Road, MRN.xxx). At the turn of the century, the neighborhood became more densely settled, with further development on Point and Wareham roads coming in the 1910s and 20s and then in the postwar years; this house was built as part of that trend. Soon, the neighborhood became identified with Marion's Cape Verdean community who bought and built houses and businesses here. Portuguese immigrants come to Marion by 1880, but in larger numbers in the 1900s and 1910s until immigration restrictions of 1917, 1923, and 1924 dramatically cut the flow. Most lived in one of two sections of the town, Azoreans and Cape Verdeans first along Mill Street and Cape Verdeans in Hamblin's Corner, which became the town's largest community of color. As early as 1915 the house was home to Cape Verdean occupants. Most development of the part of Point Road to the south of Hamblin's Corner came with subdivision of larger lots in the 1950s and 60s, and new dwellings took familiar forms and plans of the period.

One of the earliest sections of Hamblin's Corner to be more intensively developed was the east side of Point Road just below Delano Road. For most of the 19th century, no buildings were noted beyond the property that gave the neighborhood its name (961 Point Road, MRN.xxx). By the end of the 19th century, this stretch of road was flanked by three regular and identical one-

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acre parcels (16 by 10 rods) that would be developed with houses just before they were recorded on the atlas of 1903. The three houses aligned along this section of the street were occupied, north to south, by the households of Frederick Delano (933 Point Road), Samuel Pierce (929 Point Road), and George Haskins (this property).

In August of 1897 George H. Haskins (1858-1911), then of Wareham, bought the one-acre parcel of land on which this house now stands from Joseph W. Briggs.¹ Briggs owned a considerable amount of land in the area, and lived in a house to the north of the subject property, on what is now Delano Road, just south of the Weweantit River. Haskins appears to have built the house sometime over the next six years. While at the time of the 1900 census he was found in Canton, the house appeared as the property of Haskins on the 1903 Richards atlas. The 1910 Federal census finds Haskins living in this house. He listed his occupation as boat builder in a shop. He shared the house with his second wife Mable, who worked as a laundress in the home. The couple then had two children at home, Mary, then 14, and Allan, then five.² Haskins died the following year. A probate inventory listed the value of his estate at \$750, consisting entirely of his house and lot.³ Briggs and Haskins were born in Massachusetts and listed their race as White.

In January of 1912 Galen Humphrey of Wareham, acting as guardian of the minor children of George Haskins, sold their interest in the property to Lizzie M. Vose of Wareham for \$500.⁴ Mable Haskins sold her share around the same time to Vose for \$250.⁵ Vose was the wife of Harry C. Vose, a house builder, who lived on Main Street in Wareham. Vose later acquired interest in a number of properties in the area. Vose reconfigured this lot, reducing the size of the lot on which this house was built, selling part of it for the construction of 927 Point Road (MRN.xxx) and of 931 Point Road, which was recently replaced. Vose's sales of this and adjoining parcels mark the growth of the Portuguese or Cape Verdean community in Hamblin's Corner, which began first further north on Point Road, above Wareham Road, and would expand further in this area in the postwar era.

In 1915 Vose sold the house and a one-acre parcel to Arryo (sometimes Arrys, Arys, or Harry) Barros (sometimes de Barro or Barrows). Barros arranged for a \$700 mortgage on the property from the Plymouth Cooperative Bank immediately after purchasing it.⁶ A deed filed three years later granted Vose the right to occupy unspecified buildings on the property.⁷ By 1920 Barros (1882-1958) was living on Point Road, apparently in this house. Barros was born in 1882 (or 1880) in Brava, Cape Verde and immigrated in 1900. He married Maria (Mary) Pina in New Bedford in 1901. At the time of the 1920 census he listed his occupation as a mill laborer. His household included his wife Mary, who was also born in Cape Verde and who immigrated in 1901. The couple had nine children at home that year, ranging in age from two to 17. The oldest, Alvero also worked as a mill laborer. All the children had been born in Massachusetts. The census taker listed the race of the family members as Black and noted the neither Arryo nor Mary could read or write English, although the older children were able to.⁸ A decade later Barros had Anglicized his first name to Harry and the census taker noted that he could read and write. His occupation was listed as garden laborer. He and Marry had seven children at home that year, ranging in age from four to 22. John Barros, their oldest son at home, worked as a laborer at a filter bed. None of the other children listed an occupation.⁹ Harry Barros later worked as a landscape gardener on private estates. He was a communicant of St. Rita Church. Harry Barros would own the property until his death in 1958.

Barros was survived by five sons, two daughters, 34 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. After his death, interest in the property passed to eleven heirs-in-law. The group sold the property in 1960 to Harry Barros son-in-law, Henry DaSilva, Sr. and Harry DaSilva. Henry DaSilva was the husband of Laura Barros (1905-1975). Henry (Henrique) DaSilva (1902-1998) was born in Cape Verde.¹⁰ The couple had owned the neighboring property at 929 Point Road since 1928.¹¹ This house remains in the DaSilva family, passing to Harry B. and Richard DaSilva in 1975 and to Richard and Jean DaSilva in 1992.¹²

¹ PCRD 746:96, 1897

² 1910 US Census, Enumeration District 122, Sheet 4A, via Ancestry

³ Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635-1991, Probate Estate Files (2nd Series), No. 20210-20260, 1686-1915 via Ancestry

⁴ PCRD 1127:68, 1912

⁵ PCRD 1122:337, 1912

⁶ PCRD 1213:78, 1915

⁷ PCRD 1468:47, 1918

⁸ 1920 US Census, Enumeration District 118, Sheet 11B via Ancestry; unidentified newspaper obituary, 5/20/1958 via Sippican Historical Society (<https://sippican.pastperfectonline.com/archive/4B9CDB0B-4FD8-46A6-84C2-117221272846>) and unsourced Ancestry family tree (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/64075791/person/132079969813/facts?_phsrc=bDr4&_phstart=successSource)

⁹ 1930 US Census, Enumeration District 74, Sheet 8A, via Ancestry

¹⁰ PCRD 3159:358 1960. Unsourced Ancestry family tree: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/88240772/person/34563986353/facts?_phsrc=bDr9&_phstart=successSource

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Ancestry.com: see footnotes

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View from the north. Photo by Jennifer Doherty

¹¹ PCRD 1543:477, 1928

¹² PCRD 4048:510, 1975; 11148:135, 1992

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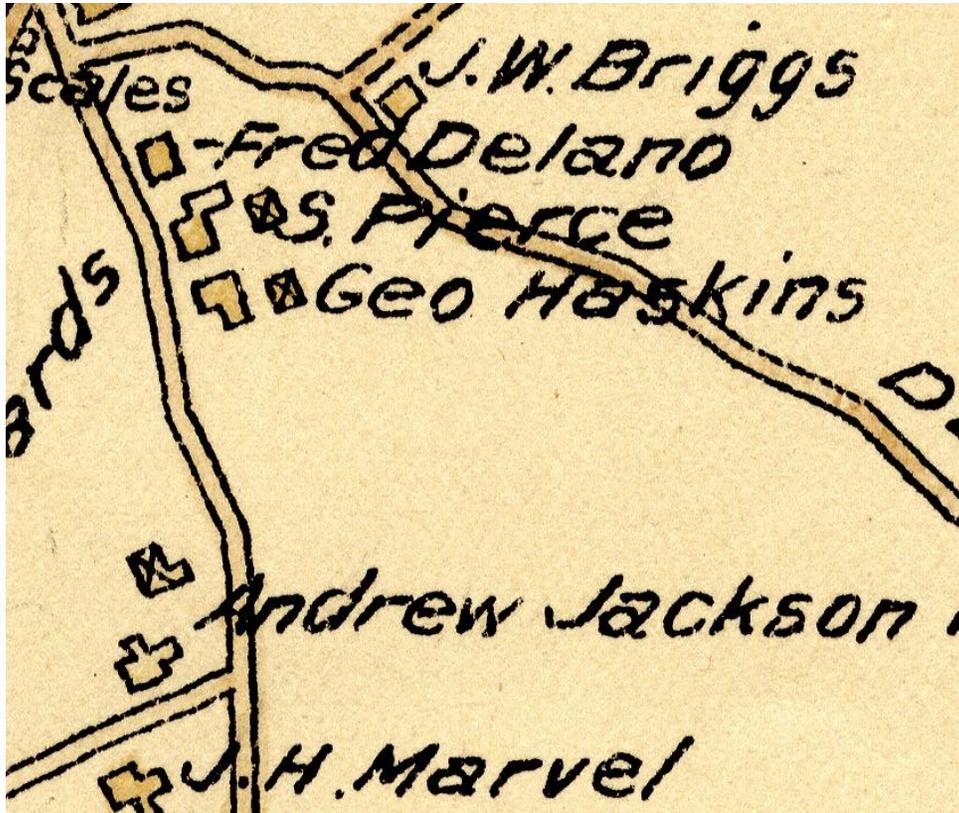
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1903 Richards atlas, subject house marked "George Haskins"