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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town: Oak Bluffs
Address: 27 Dukes County Avenue

Name: James & JoAnn P. Mosley
Present Use: Seasonal dwelling

Present owner: James & JoAnn P. Mosley

Description:
Date: 1870's or 1880's
Source: Observation
Style: Campground

Architect: ______________________
Exterior wall fabric: painted wood shingles and cut shingles
Outbuildings (describe): ______________
Other features: covered porch; enclosed balcony; shed dormers; gable dormer; brick chimney

Altered rear gable add. Date:
Moved: probably Date: c. 1923

5. Lot size:
   One acre or less: x Over one acre: __

Approximate frontage: 27'
Approximate distance of building from street: 12'

6. Recorded by: Lucy Planka
Organization: O.B. Historical Survey
Date: January 9, 1979

(over)
7. Original owner (if known) ____________________________________________________________

Original use Seasonal dwelling _________________________________________________________

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _______________________________________________________

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

- Aboriginal
- Agricultural
- Architectural
- The Arts
- Commerce
- Communication
- Community development

- Conservation
- Education
- Exploration/settlement
- Industry
- Military
- Political

- Recreation
- Religion
- Science/invention
- Social/humanitarian
- Transportation

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9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building is significant as part of the continued expansion of Cottage City (Oak Bluffs) as a resort and year-round community. It is located in an area called Oak Grove, 15 acres of land developed by James Rothwell and Zebulon Pratt in 1871. Oak Grove is one of the many small developments which sprang up around Wesleyan Grove and the Oak Bluffs Land and Wharf Company in the 1870's.

This house was probably moved to its present site from an unknown previous location around 1923. It is of the Campground cottage construction.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

- Assessor's Maps and Records, Town Hall, Oak Bluffs.
- Tax Records, Oak Bluffs Town Hall.
- Registry of Deeds, Dukes County Courthouse, Edgartown, MA