

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.42
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Hooper House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	306 Hortonville Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Swansea
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1790
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Federal;
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House;
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture; Recreation;
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register Individual Property (08/08/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (08/08/1990);
<b>Building Materials:</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard;
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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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 map)

Swansea, Mass. MRA  
SWANSEA

Address 306 Hortonville Road

Historic Name Hooper House

Present residential

Original residential/farmstead

Description ca. 1790

Previous owner previous owner, visual analysis

Federal Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings garage (ca. 1920), wellhouse (ca. 1920), barn (late 19th cent.)

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

window sash, chimney (mid to late 19th cent)Condition excellentMoved no Date ---Acreage approximately two acresSetting Rural, residential setting;well-traveled primary route throughtownUTM REFERENCE 19 317350 4625080USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, MA 1985SCALE 1:25000Recorded by K. Flynn, K. Valente/K. BroomeOrganization Swansea Historical CommissionDate April 1986/November 1989

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Hooper House, 306 Hortonville Road, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and is significant on the local level. The house meets Criterion A as a representation of Swansea's late 18th-century settlement pattern and Criterion C as an intact gambrel cape in the Federal style.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.**

This 1½-story gambrel cape is a good example of typical late 18th-century farmhouse construction in Swansea. The original center chimney was replaced at an unknown date. The symmetrical five-bay facade features a recessed center entry with sidelights contained in a surround of pilasters carrying a plain entablature. Windows contain later 6/6 sash, and a secondary recessed entry on the east (street) elevation may also be a later modification.

Outbuildings include a frame, gabled, two-car garage (ca. 1920), a frame 1½-story barn with attached silo-like projection (ca. 1890), and a stone well structure on the south lawn (ca. 1920). All buildings and structures are located close to Hortonville Road, near the intersection of Wood Avenue. The extent of the property being nominated is approximately two acres of partially planted area defined by a picket fence to the south, mature trees to the west, and the roads to the east and north. The balance of the acreage is primarily woodlot.

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

Known as the Hooper House during much of its history, 306 Hortonville Road is one of the dispersed farmsteads that dotted the Swansea landscape in the late 18th century. The house is situated on the primary north-south road connecting period settlement at Gardner's Neck on Mt. Hope Bay to Hortonville and on to the town of Rehoboth.

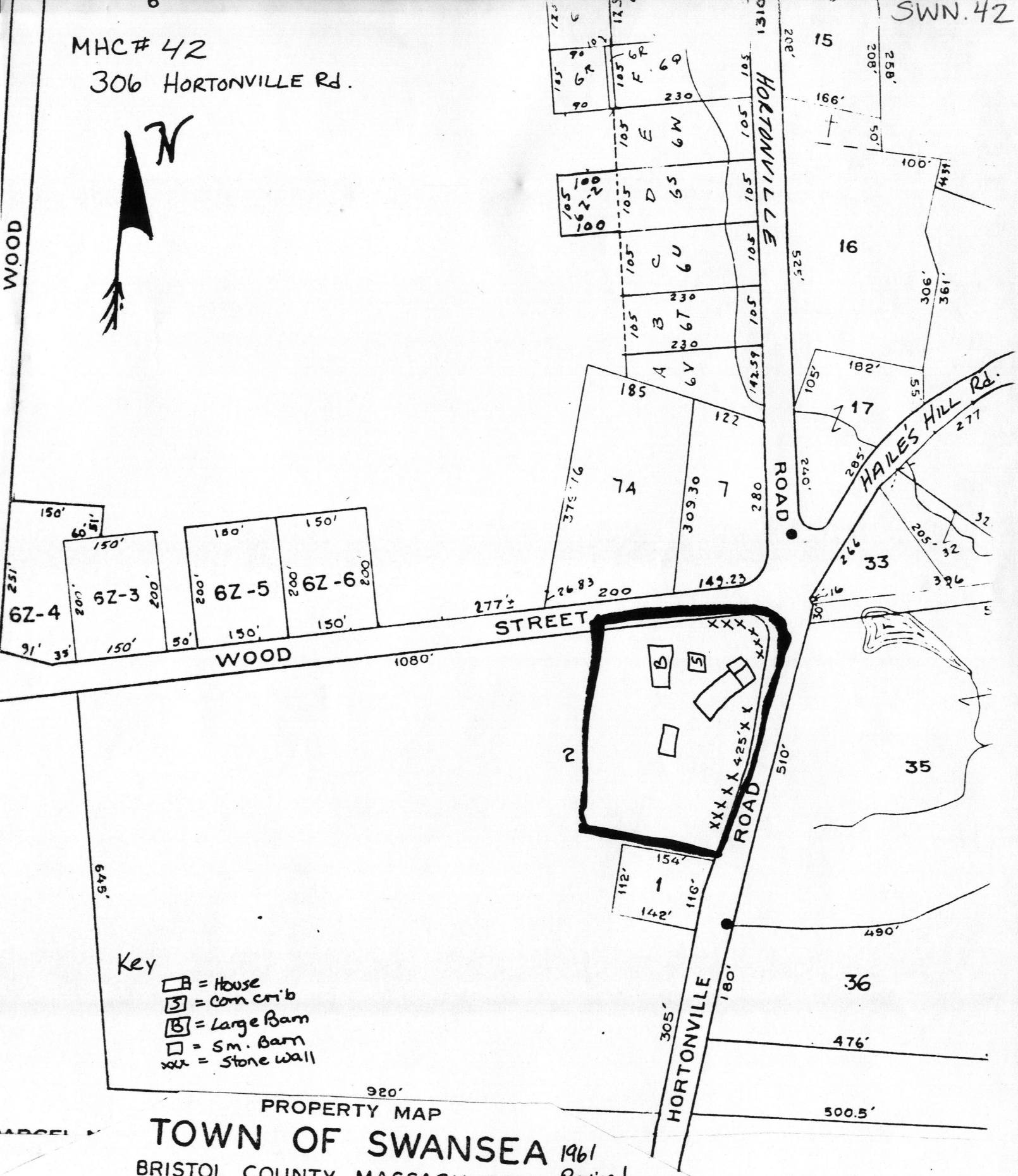
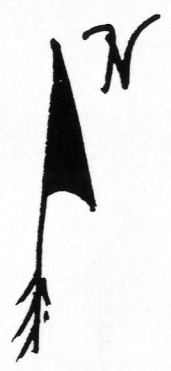
The use of the property in the late 19th and early 20th centuries reflects a common pattern in Swansea, whereby many of the town's older working farms were given over to use as "gentleman's farms" and summer or weekend residences. The owner of this house after World War I lived in Providence, visiting Swansea on the weekends. This decrease in the number of Swansea's working farms has contributed to the town's primarily residential character.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

ca. 1849 map of Swansea, 1871 and 1895 atlases of Bristol County  
Mrs. Helen Pierce, Swansea Historical Society, interview, 11/89.



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- Key
- [House symbol] = House
  - [Corn crib symbol] = Corn crib
  - [Large Barn symbol] = Large Barn
  - [Sm. Barn symbol] = Sm. Barn
  - [xxx symbol] = Stone wall

PROPERTY MAP  
**TOWN OF SWANSEA** 1961

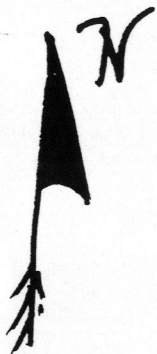
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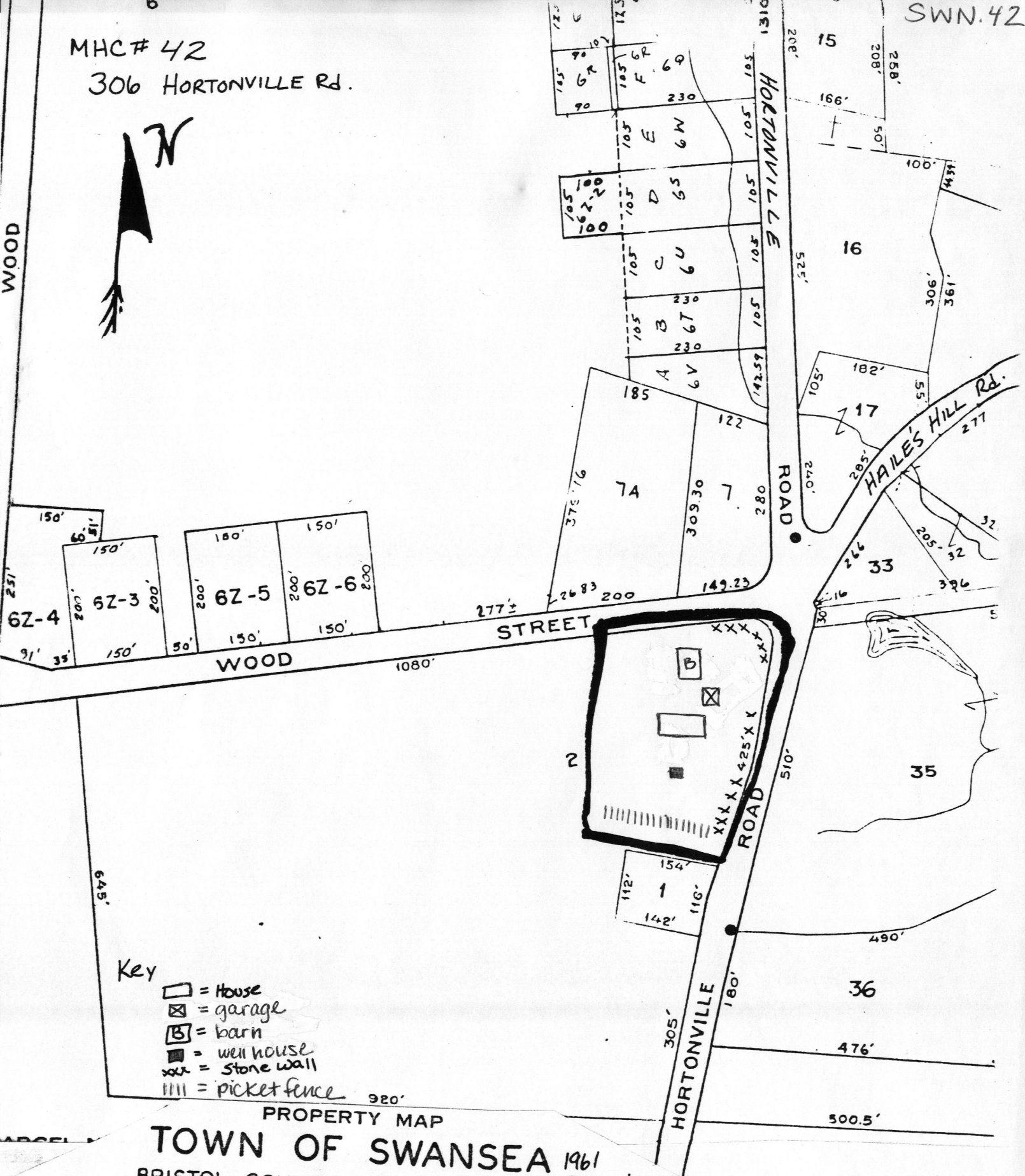
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Key

- = House
- = garage
- = barn
- = well house
- = stone wall
- = picket fence

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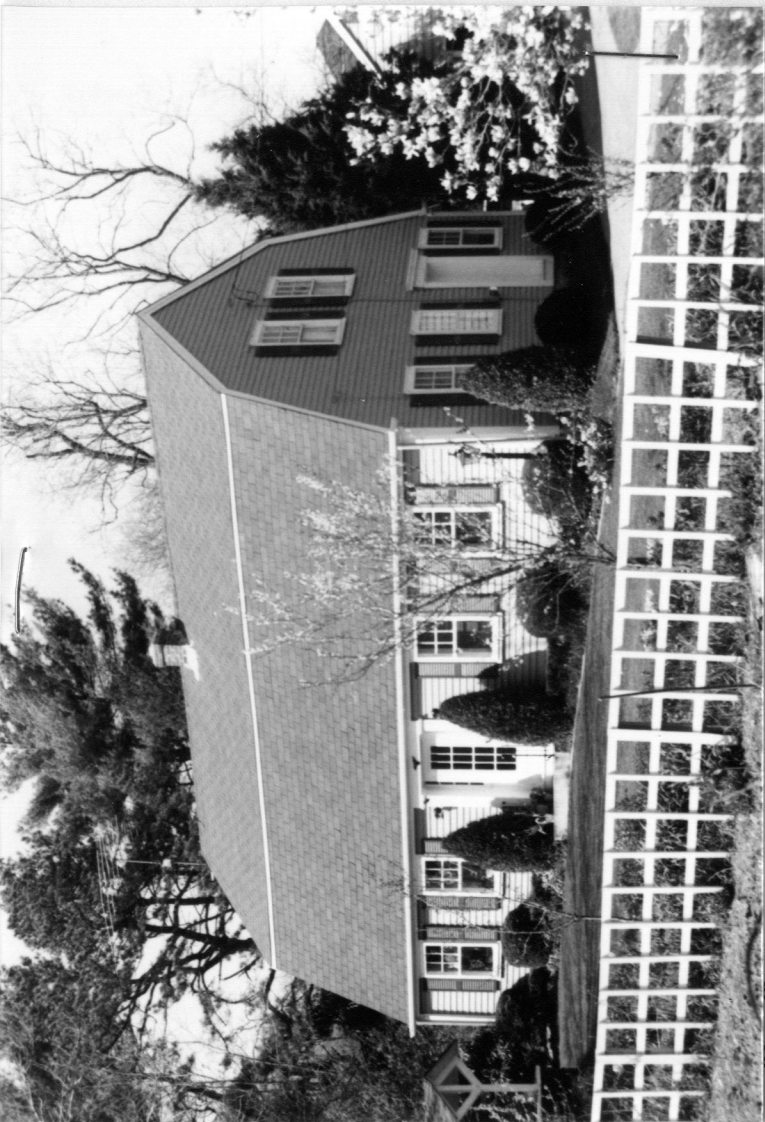
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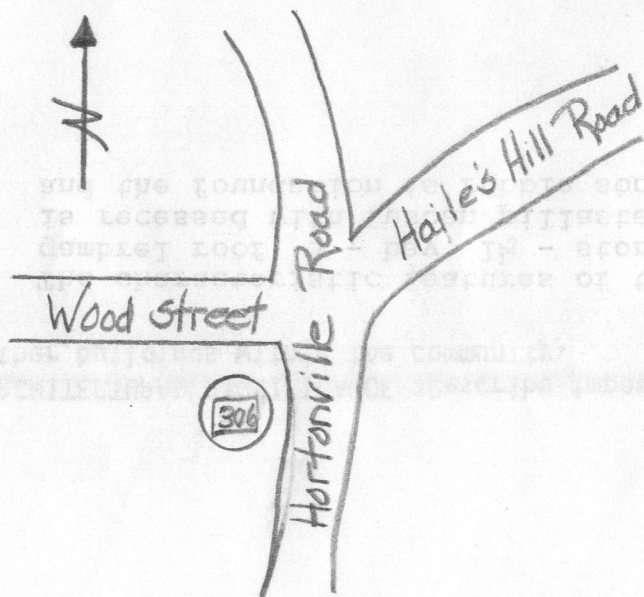
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Town SWANSEA HORTONVILLE

Address 306  
360 Hortonville Road

Historic Name HOOPER HOUSE

Use: Present Residential

Original Farmstead

### DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1790

Source Mr. Clement owner since 1918

Style Dutch Colonial

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage and wood shed

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition Intact and well maintained

Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage Over one acre

Setting Set back from major  
traveled road.

Recorded by K. Flynn/K. Valente

Organization Swansea Historic  
Commission

Date April, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The characteristic features of this late 18th century house are the gambrel roof, 5 - bay, 1½ - story with side entrance. The front entrance is recessed with Tuscan pillasters. The windows are altered to 6 over 6 and the foundation is rubble stone with cement facing.

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

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