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Inventory No:	SWN.102
Historic Name:	Bosworth, Ichabod House
Common Name:	Littlefield Farm
Address:	139 Purchase St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1807
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle; Foundation: Stone, Uncut;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

102



SWANSEA

139 Purchase Street

ic Name Ichabod Bosworth

Present "Littlefield Farm"
Farmstead/Dairy Farm

Original Dairy Farmstead

PTION

ca. 1807

Plaque and Visual analysis

Colonial (cottage) Cape

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric

Outbuildings Original gambrel barn with

4-extensions/sheds - 2 grain "silos"

Major Alterations (with dates)

Unknown

Condition Fair - no consideration for

sensitive improvements-however in
stable preserved state.

Moved No Date

Acreage 73 Acres

Setting Situated in the panhandle of

Swansea with Rehoboth across the

street. Set back from road in a

rural setting facing south.

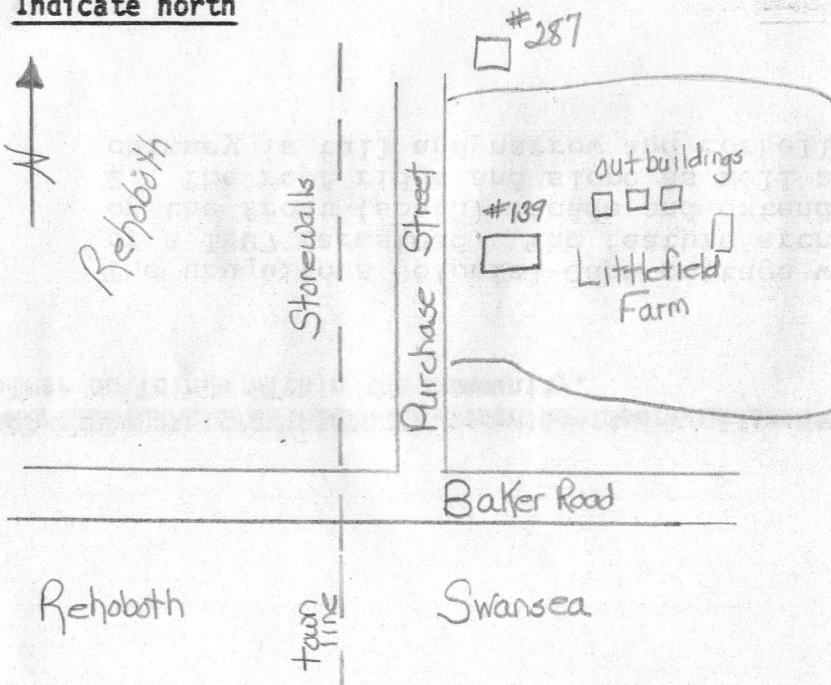
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Organization Swansea Historical

Commission

Date May, 1986

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



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, Ma., 1967/79

SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

The ubiquitous Colonial Cape cottage with all the basic characteristics of a 1807 farmstead. The feature architectural details are small molding on the front (south) facade and extended lintels. The windows are 2 over 2. The roof ridge and slope as well as soffit are unstable. The brick chimney is tall and narrow and corbelled at the top.

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 Ichaboo Bosworth farm, according to the 1853 walling map. There were at least 3 outbuildings already built before 1890. This farm sits east of the Rehoboth line and bordered on the Chase Families land on the other 3 sides.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Francis Littlefield - owner 27 years - interview 5/20/86
with his son and grandson

