

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.145
Historic Name:	Gardner, Samuel House
Common Name:	
Address:	1443 Gardner's Neck Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	South Swansea; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	6;
Year Constructed:	C 1788
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial;
Architect(s):	Marvell, Thomas;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	SWN.H
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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Town SWANSEA

Address 1443 Gardners Neck Road

Historic Name Samuel Gardner
(IV Generation)

Use: Present private residence

Original Original Homestead

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1788-1789

Source Willof Peleg Gardner

Style Colonial Cape

Architect for restoration-Thomas
Marvell

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles

Outbuildings garage and sheds attached

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Porches removed - Restoration- 1942

Condition Excellent / Restored
and Rehabilitated

Moved No Date _____

Acreage Over one acre

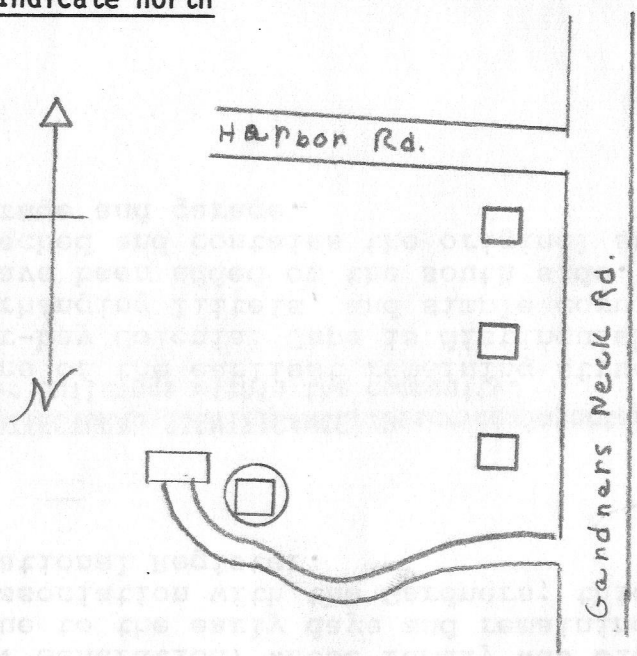
Setting Atypically sited for present
day Gardners Neck Road two lots deep
and facing south. Simple shrubs
surround it.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/L. Fayan Jr.
Jan. 1978

Organization Swansea Historic
Commission

Date January 1986

intersection(s).
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, Mass. RI 1967-79

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Built 1789, this typical 18th century dwelling was the center for the largest farmand fishing business on Gardners Neck and was owned by Samuel Gardner (IV Generation) whose family was significant in the development of Swansea. Due to the early date and remaining fabric of the structure, and the significant association with the Gardners; this house meets criteria B and C of the National Register.

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

One of the earliest remaining structures on Gardners Neck, this 1½ story, four-bay Colonial Cape is distinguished by a large central chimney (rebuilt,) overhanging lintels, and simple cornice and corner boards. Two gabled dormers have been added on the south side. An extensive one story ell has been added/ attached and contains the original summer kitchen, a new "greenhouse," shed/ storage and garage.

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

Samuel Gardner (IV Generation) was born in 1760 and married in 1788. His father, Peleg Gardner, who owned over 300 acres of land in the extreme southern portion of Gardners Neck, died in 1789 and Samuel was willed 49 acres of land and 1/2 of the fish piers and equipment at Cedar Cove. This home is situated on the original parcel.

In subsequent years he accumulated 170 acres of land and complete ownership of the fishing business. His farm and fishing business was the largest enterprise on Gardners Neck until his death in 1841.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Taunton, Registry of Probate, willof Peleg Gardner, 1789.

FORM B - BUILDING

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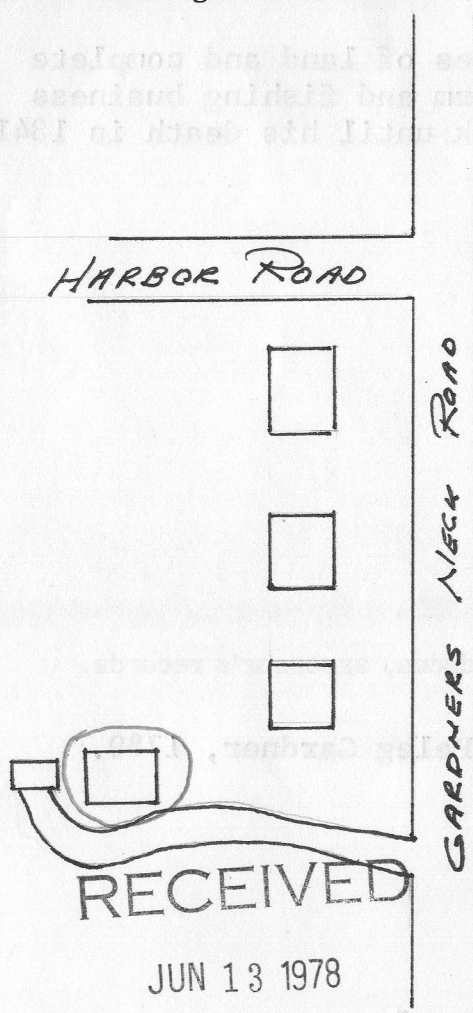
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Swansea
- Address 1443 Gardners Neck Road
- Name _____
- Present use Private Residence
- Present owner Mr. John H. Twomey, Jr.
3. Description:
- Date C.1788-1789
- Source Will of Peleg Gardner
- Style Colonial farmhouse
- Architect Thomas Marvell
- Exterior wall fabric Fall River, Ma. Wood Shingles
- Outbuildings (describe) _____
- Other features Central chimney
- Dormers
- Porches removed
- Altered Restoration Date 1942
- Moved _____ Date _____
5. Lot size:
- One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
- Approximate frontage 211
- Approximate distance of building from street _____
6. Recorded by Louis Fayan, Jr.
- Organization Swansea Historical Soc.
- Date March 3, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Samuel Gardner (IV Generation)

Original use Farmhouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

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

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