

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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| <b>Inventory No:</b>           | SWN.146                                       |
| <b>Historic Name:</b>          | Anthony, David M. Farm                        |
| <b>Common Name:</b>            |                                               |
| <b>Address:</b>                | 1543 Gardner's Neck Rd                        |
| <b>City/Town:</b>              | Swansea                                       |
| <b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>   | South Swansea; Gardner's Neck;                |
| <b>Local No:</b>               | 3;                                            |
| <b>Year Constructed:</b>       | 1884                                          |
| <b>Architectural Style(s):</b> | No style;                                     |
| <b>Use(s):</b>                 | Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;   |
| <b>Significance:</b>           | Agriculture; Architecture;                    |
| <b>Area(s):</b>                | SWN.H                                         |
| <b>Designation(s):</b>         |                                               |
| <b>Building Materials:</b>     | Roof: Asphalt Shingle;<br>Wall: Wood Shingle; |
| <b>Demolished</b>              | No                                            |



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Town SWANSEA

Address 1543 Gardner's Neck Road

Historic Name David M. Anthony's Farm

House \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present Residence

Original Farm House

### DESCRIPTION

Date 1884

Source Diary of D. M. Anthony

Style Vernacular farmhouse

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings 5 stall garage

Major Alterations (with dates) Porch added

on east and south. South porch  
enclosed as sun porch c. 1912

Condition Good Condition / Original  
fabric unknown

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

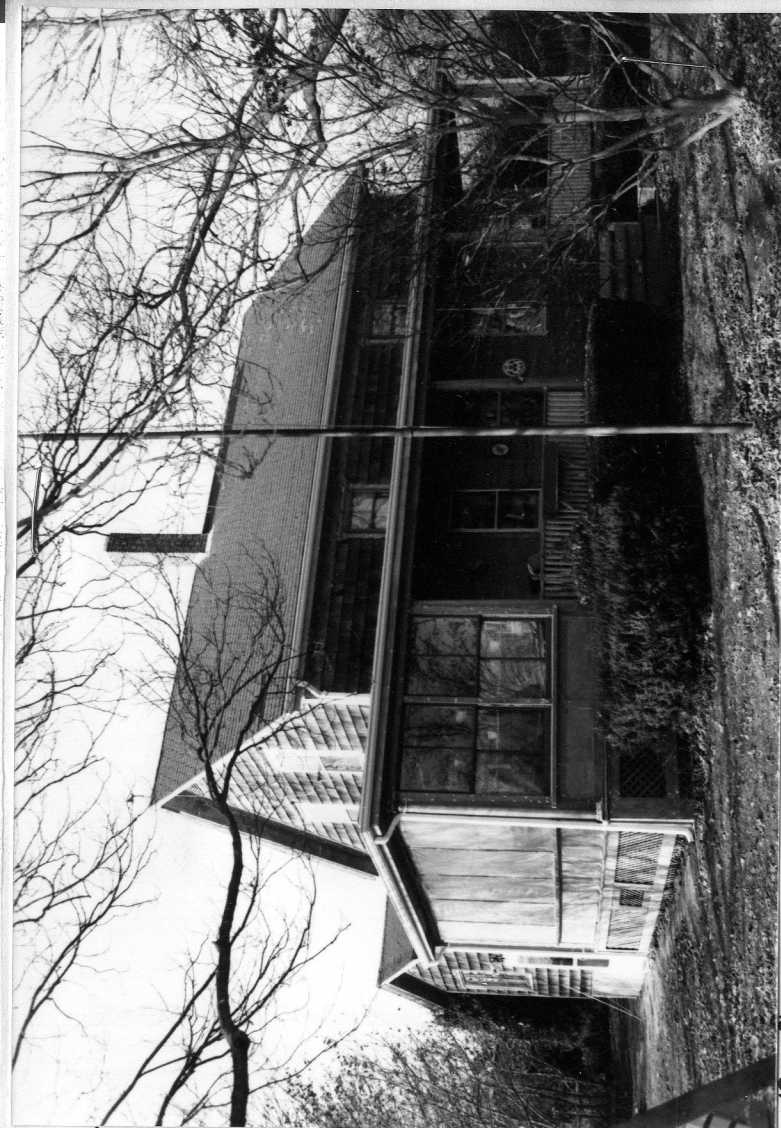
Acres Over one acre

Setting Located near the end of Gard-  
ner's Neck, the original farm land has  
been developed for house lots, but  
the setting still remains rural.

Recorded by Kay Flynn / A. Waring  
May 1978

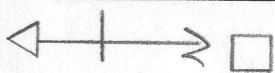
Organization Swansea Historical  
Commission

Date January 1986



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intersection(s).  
Indicate north



Mattapoisett  
Ave

Gardner's Neck Rd.

Private  
way

Bay Point Rd.

UTM REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River Mass. RI 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.

A modest three - bay, two story farmhouse has a tall and narrow central brick chimney. The side gabled house has a one story front porch which wraps and is enclosed on the south side. There is no architectural detail.

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

This property is part of original Gardner lands deeded to Peleg W. Gardner by his sister and brothers, all heirs of Samuel Gardner of the fourth generation. He was known as "Lower Sam"

David M. Anthony bought the farm at public auction in 1883 and continued to use the land as a farm. He built this house the following year for his farmer, and it was used by successive farmers until 1940 when it became a private residence.

In 1978, Boardman continued the agricultural tradition with the business known as "Bay Point Gardens." Much of the land was used to grow nursery stock. Annuals, perennials and house plants were started in the green-house.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Fall River, Ma.  
Book 93, Page 277 - sale of land to David M. Anthony

Date of farmhouse from diary of D. M. Anthony in possession of granddaughter, Mrs. Ellis A. Waring, 112 Bay Point Road. Swansea, Ma.

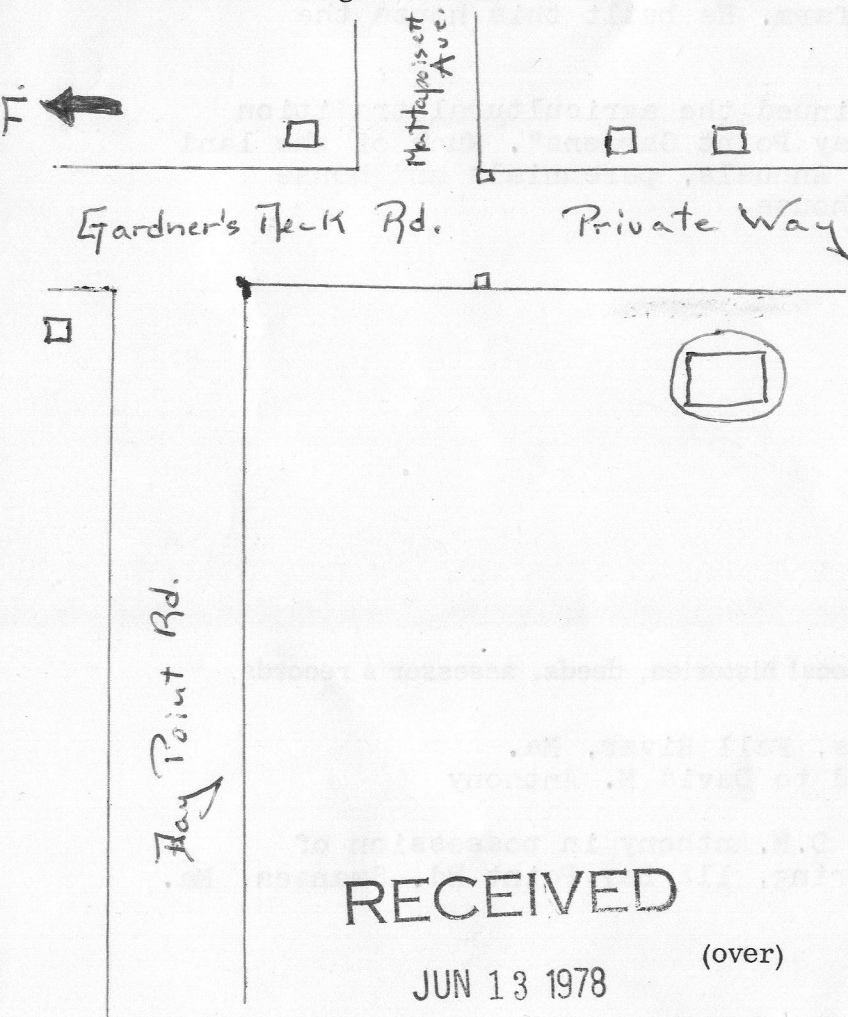
FORM B - BUILDING

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

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| In Area no.<br><u>A</u> | Form no.<br><u>2146</u> |
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



- Town Swansea  
Address 1543 Gardner's Neck Road  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Present use Residence  
Present owner Leonard E. and Madeleine A. Boardman
- Description:  
Date 1884  
Source Diary of D. M. Anthony  
Style New England farmhouse  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard wood  
Outbuildings (describe) 5 stall garage  
Other features Greenhouse-16'x 8'  
16'x16' wood building used for storage as is former milk storage room.  
Piazza added on east and south  
Altered South piazza Date c.1912  
enclosed as sun porch  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Lot size:  
One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre X  
Approximate frontage 345'  
Approximate distance of building from street 30'
- Recorded by Mrs. Ellis A. Waring  
Organization Swansea Historical Society  
Date May 22, 1978

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7. Original owner (if known) David M. Anthony

Original use Residence for his farmer

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Used by successive farmers until 1940 when it became a private residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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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