

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.12
Historic Name:	Vinnicum House
Common Name:	
Address:	15 Vinnicum Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	North Swansea;
Local No:	65;
Year Constructed:	C 1826
Architectural Style(s):	Federal;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Foundation: Stone, Uncut;
Demolished	No



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AREA

FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEA

Address 15 Vinnicum Road

Historic Name Vinnicum House

Use: Present Residence

Original Farmhouse

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1826

Source Present owner

Style New England Cape; Cape Cod Farmhouse

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle & clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

Major Alterations (with dates) E111890-1900

French Doors prob. 1930

Condition

Moved No Date

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Setback from street, in once

what was an old farm stead, now sit an

ting on a smaller parcell of land

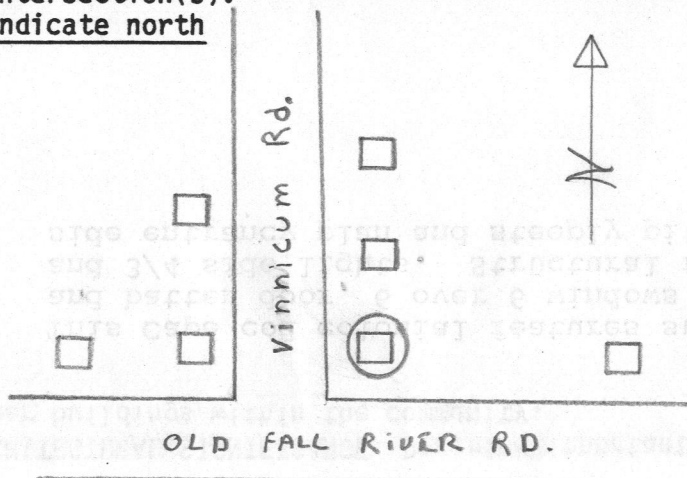
with 1980's development of residential
structures surrounding it.

Recorded by Kim Valente/H. Pierce&V.
Frost '79

Organization Swansea Historical
Commission

Date April 1986

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.

This Cape cod colonial features such "rusticated" detailing as its board and batten door, 6 over 6 windows which are placed abbutted to the eave, and 3/4 side lights. Structural features are its large central chimney, side entrancy plan and steeply pitched roof.

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

Although occupied by the Vinnicum family for more than a century, this house was originally owned by the Mason family descendants of Samson Mason the stalwart soldier of Cromwell who acquired a tremendous tract of land in this area about 1650.

This Mason family were devoted supporters of the First Christian Church, originally called "Church of Christ in Swansea." Organized in 1693 "perhaps there was no other church in all the earth which received as members all Christians irrespective of divergent opinions concernig the various piints of speculative theology." Pastors of the church included Joseph, Job, Russell and John Mason. The Vinnicums married into the Mason family and carried on the actove particiapatation in town affairs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Bristol County Atlas of 1871
- Fall River Registry of Deeds - Book 40 pg. 523, Book 25, pg. 366 and 367, Book 607 pgs. 62, 63, Book 828 pg. 217
- History of Swansea, O.O. Wright, 1917

FORM B - BUILDING

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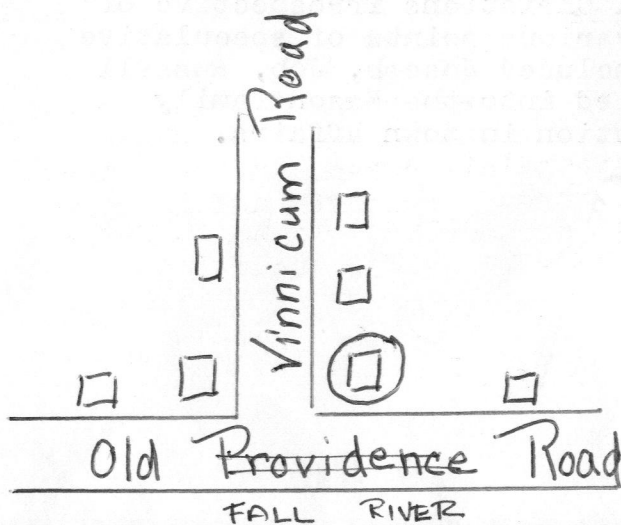
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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MASS. HIST. COMM.

1. Town Swansea
- Address 15 Vinnicum Road
- Name Vinnicum House
- Present use Residential
- Present owner Ronald Lamarre & Teresa
3. Description:
- Date c. 1826
- Source Present Owner
- Style Cape Cod Type Farm House
- Architect Unknown
- Exterior wall fabric Shingle & Clapboard
- Outbuildings (describe) Garage
- Other features Central chimney with brick oven to right of fireplace. Parson's cupboard above.
- Altered E11 French Doors Date 1890-1900 prob. 1930
- Moved No Date _____
5. Lot size:
- One acre or less X Over one acre _____
- Approximate frontage 210 feet
- Approximate distance of building from street 80 feet
6. Recorded by Helen Pierce
Virginia Frost
- Organization Swansea Hist. Soc.
- Date September 23, 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Probably Job Mason

Original use Was a 100 acre farm

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residential

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> X </u>
Architectural	<u> </u>	Exploration/	<u> </u>	Science/	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	settlement	<u> </u>	invention	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	humanitarian	<u> </u>
Community development	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </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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