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Inventory No:	SWN.43
Historic Name:	Fisk, George W. House
Common Name:	
Address:	239 Hortonville Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	54;
Year Constructed:	1897
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne;
Use(s):	Business Office; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



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storic Name George W. Fisk House

e: Present Residential and Business

Original Residential

SCRIPTION

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yle Queen Anne

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle and clapboard

Outbuildings Barn has been altered

Major Alterations (with dates) Unknown

Condition An excellent state of preservation.

Moved No Date

Acreage Over one acre

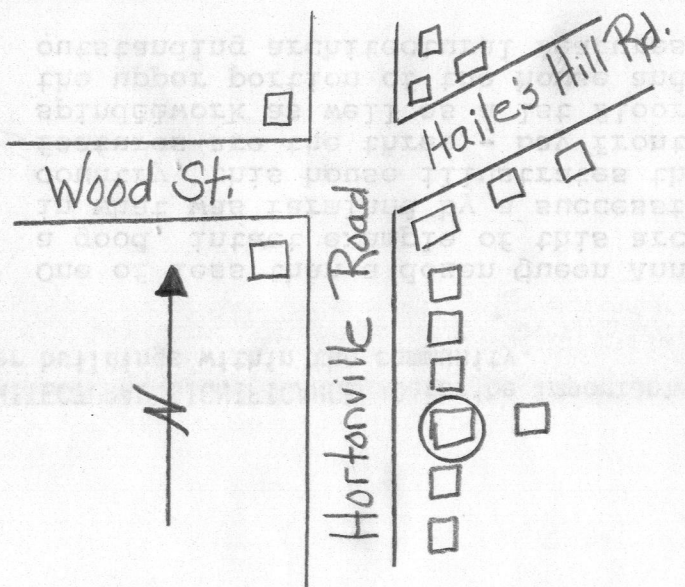
Setting Situated on open flat land making a prominent statement on Hortonville Rd., carefully landscaped.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/H. Pierce '78

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date March, 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., Bristol Co. 1967/70

SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

One of less than a dozen Queen Anne style houses in Swansea that remains a good, intact example of this architecture. Built north of the Village in what was farmland by a successful business man who retired to the country, this house illustrates the "high style" of the time. Characteristic features are the three - bay front gable facade with partial porch and spindlework as well as a 1st floor side bay. Rounded shingles used on the upper portion of the house and the conical 2½ - story turnet are the outstanding architectural features.

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

The first known owner of this house is George W. Fisk. He was one of the first of successful business men from Fall River to make his permanent home in the country. He immediately became active in town affairs. He served as a member of the school committee and senior warden of Christ Church. The Fisk House illustrates the type of house that was being built by prominent citizens at the turn of the century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Town Reports and Assessors' Records

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

5443



1. Town Swansea, Mass.

Address 239 Hortonville Road

Name Fisk House

Present use Residential & Business

Present owner Manuel & Mary Sousa

3. Description:

Date 1897

Source Swansea Tax List

Style Late Victorian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Shingle & Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn, has been changed

Other features Rounded shingles front upper half, cupola roof on right front

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 140 feet

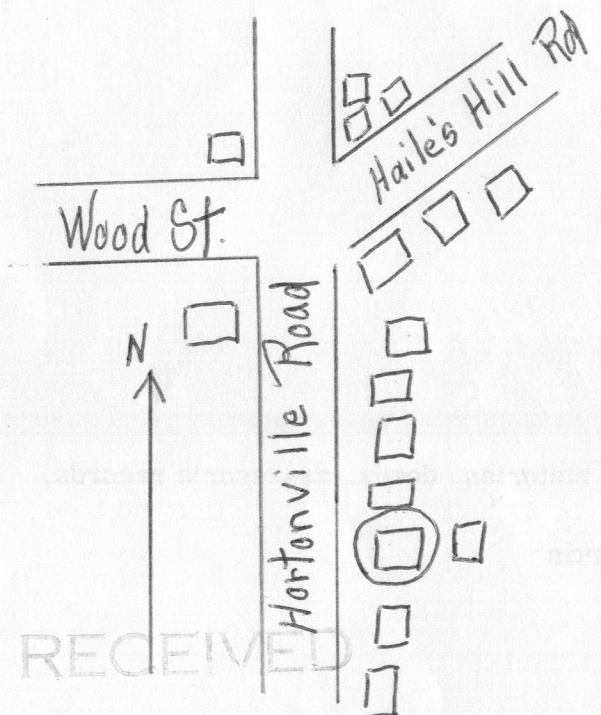
Approximate distance of building from street
60 feet

6. Recorded by Helen R. Pierce

Organization Swansea Historical Soc.

Date February 15, 1979

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



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7. Original owner (if known) George W. Fisk

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Mr. Fisk was one of the first of successful business men of Fall River to make his permanent home in the country. He immediately became active in town affairs. He served as a member of the school committee and senior warden of Christ Church.

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

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