

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.78
Historic Name:	Arnold House
Common Name:	
Address:	23 Elm St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	43;
Year Constructed:	C 1807
Architectural Style(s):	Federal;
Use(s):	Public School; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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AREA

FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEA

Address 23 Elm Street

Historic Name Arnold House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1807 probably earlier

Source Fall River Registry of Deeds

Style Originally half cape cellar house/ Federal

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) north side
added to early

Condition _____

Moved No Date _____

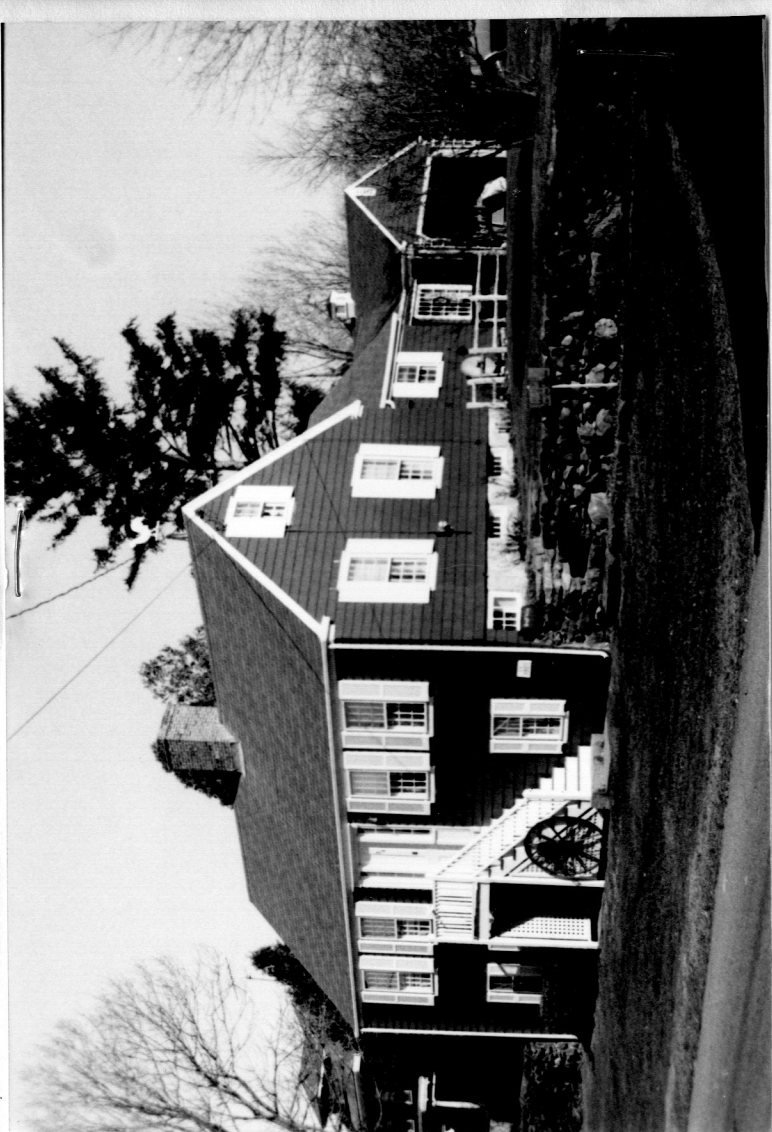
Acreage Over one acre

Setting _____

Recorded by Kim Valente/H. Pierce '78

Organization Swansea Historical

Date March, 1986 Commission



Indicate north

MAIN STREET

ELM ST.

LEES RIVER

SWANSEA
SOMERSET



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA., -R.I. 1967

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

This early Federal of the 18th century is 5-bay wide with a central chimney. Top floor windows are placed snugly below the cornice line and possess 9 over 9 lighted windows, while the lower floor windows are 6 over 6. The door is delicate of non-architectonic embellishments. The overall surface is shallow of projections.

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

Structurally it appears to be much older than 1807 but documentation is difficult.

Rooms at grade level are reached from an outside stairs to front entrance.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

FORM B - BUILDING

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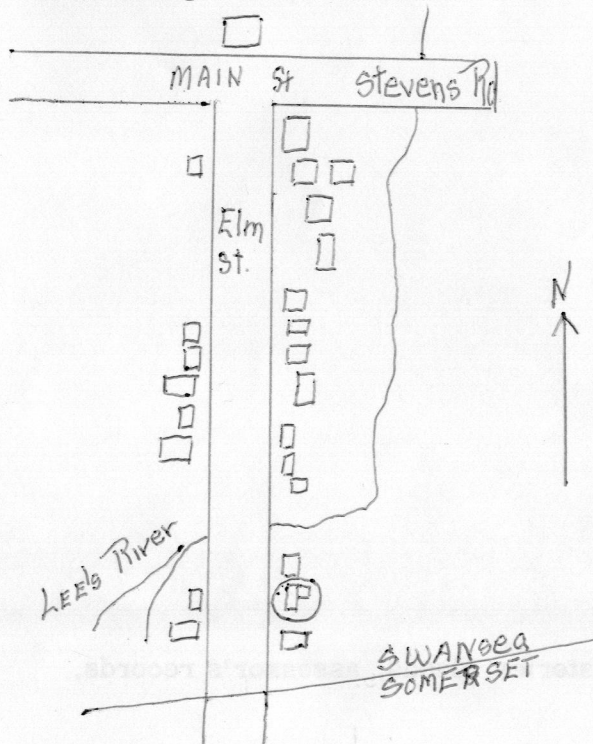
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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1. Town Swansea, Massachusetts

Address 23 Elm Street

Name Arnold House

Present use Residence

Present owner Joseph M. Valley

3. Description:

Date 1807 Probably earlier

Source Fall River Registry of Deeds

Style Originally half cape cellar house

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Ell is a school house of 1835 moved here in 1900.

Altered north side added Date early

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 115 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
20 feet

6. Recorded by Helen Pierce

Organization Swansea Historical Soc.

Date August 3, 1978

7. Original owner (if known) Philip Slade in 1807

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

Structurally it appears to be much older than 1807 but documentation is difficult.

Rooms at grade level are reached from an outside door. Main story and one half house is above with outside stairs to front entrance.

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

Fall River Registry of Deeds

Tax Records, Town of Swansea

Swansea Map of 1851