

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.103
Historic Name:	Davis, N. House
Common Name:	
Address:	287 Purchase St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1790
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle; Foundation: Stone, Uncut;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA _____ FORM NO. 103

SWANSEA

Address 287 Purchase Street

Historic Name _____

Present Farmstead

Original Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

ca. 1790

Survey Visual analysis

Style Gambrel colonial

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric Natural shingle

Outbuildings 2 sheds

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

None

Condition Fair - maintained enough to keep it in stable preserved condition

Moved No Date _____

Acres Possibly 50 or so

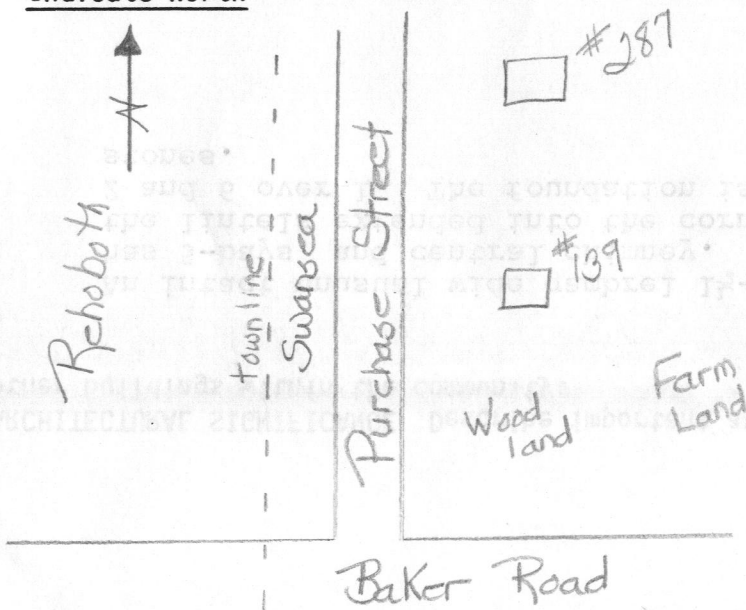
Setting Situated in the panhandle of Swansea across the road from Rehoboth - a rural setting with stone walls abounding.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date May, 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., 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.

An intact unusual wide gambrel 1½-story cottage in rural Swansea. It has 5-bays, and central chimney. Structure has extended windows with the lintels extended into the cornice. The windows are small but 2 over 2 and 6 over 1. The foundation is rubblestone with large entrance stepping stones.

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

Noted as belonging to N. Davis on the 1853 walling map, and then changing owners to Jos. Wheaton somewhere in the late 19th century, this farm house sits close to edge of a three town line (Rehoboth - Swansea - Dighton.)

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