

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.23
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Gardner - Williams House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	393 Maple Ave
<b>City/Town:</b>	Swansea
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1790
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial;
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture;
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials:</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard;
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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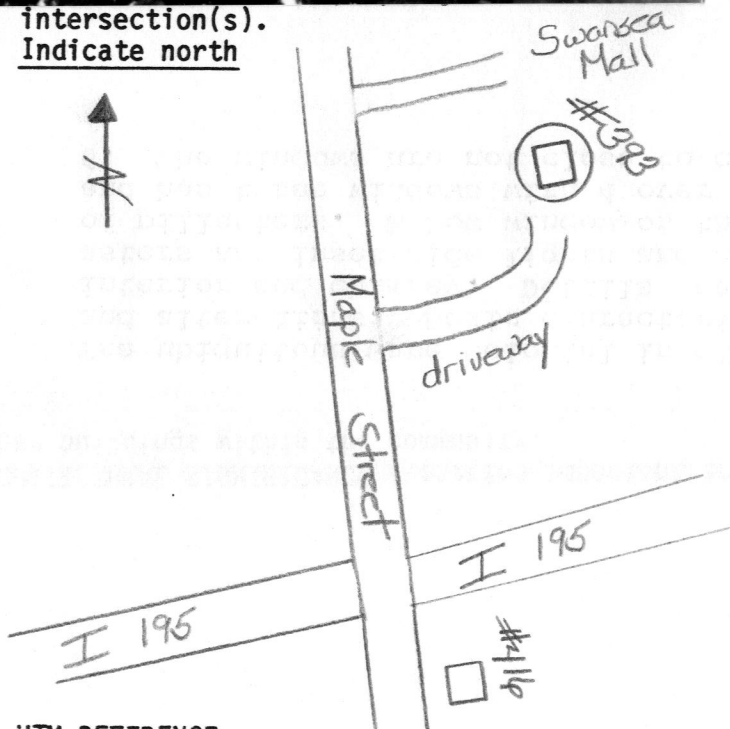
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AREA	FORM NO.
	23

Town SWANSEA

Address 393 Maple Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present Residence

Original Farmstead

### DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1790

Source visual analysis

Style Colonial Cape

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings 1-modern garage, 2-car

and an old chicken coup shed

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

addition of west wing & porch 1950's

Condition Excellent - well Maintained

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

Acreage Over one acre

Setting Located just on the north

side of I 195, however with front

acreage intact with stonewalls.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical  
Commission

Date May, 1986

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

The ubiquitous Cape Colonial in good condition with sensitive additions and alterations. Basic characteristics are the 5-bay, 1½-story and interior end chimney. Details feature a door surround with double pillasters and inset side lights and a wide entablature with continuation of pillasters. A bow window on the front east, added but fits well, and has three windows with 4 over 4 lights, the other windows are 6 over 6. The windows are not close to cornice line.

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

The land deeded 1778 and originally owned by Gardners then Williams and has stayed in the two families to present.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Ester (Williams) Souto, has owned house for 60 years and greatgrandmother (a Gardner) for 90 years. 5/22/86 Interview