

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.96
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Barrington House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	445 Sharps Lot Rd
<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: Wood Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard;
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA

FORM NO.

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SWANSEA

Address 445 Sharps Lot Road

Historic Name

Present Residence

Original Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

c. 1790

Source Owner - visual analysis

Style Colonial cottage

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Large barn in poor

condition and well house

Major Alterations (with dates)

Not many

Condition Fair - owner wants to take

barn down/"no money to fix it up"

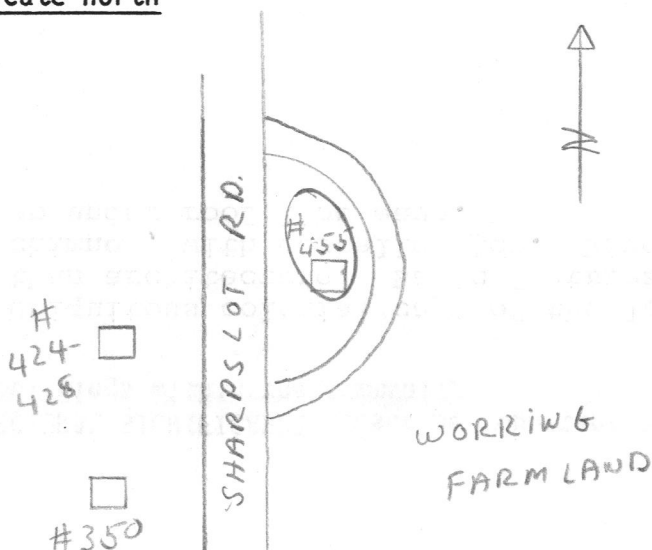
Moved No Date

Acreage More than 35 acres

Setting Located at the top of a

knoll, facing south overlooking farmland. A rural setting.

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

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical

Date May, 1986 Commission

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Ubiquitous colonial cape of the late 18th century. Site more important than architecture. Basic features include, 1½-story, 3-bay, small central chimney, with corbelled top. Window surrounds are simple, but are tucked up under roof line eave.

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

Looking at the 1896 map of town, a Mrs Harriet Ormerod owned the home, with 4 barns sitting north of the house. Earlier owner was a Mrs. L. Barrington - as stated on the 1853 walling map.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

John Ormerod, owner for 35 years, in his family since 1860's. Interview 5/20/86