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Inventory No:	SWN.106
Historic Name:	Chase, Reuben House
Common Name:	
Address:	472 Milford Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1880
Architectural Style(s):	Gothic Revival;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Wall: Wood Clapboard;
Demolished	No



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AREA

FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEAAddress 472 Milford Road

Historic Name _____

Use: Present ResidenceOriginal Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1880Source Visual analysisStyle Carpenter Gothic

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings Deteriorating rear shed

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

UnknownCondition Fair - Unstable andthreatened by developmentMoved No Date _____Acreage Around one acreSetting Situated on a busy streetbetween 2 malls, this structure haslittle setback and only remainingintegrity is in immediate land.Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim ValenteOrganization Swansea HistoricalCommission

Date _____



Indicate north



TAFT AVE.

MILFORD Rd.

MICHEALS AVE

RT. 6

MILFORD
POND

UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA. RI. 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.

One of only a few Carpenter Gothic cottages in Swansea, historically in an area between the Village and Luther's Corner. The characteristic features of #472 Milford are - center gable, 1½-story, 4-bay small center chimney. The distinguishing architectural features are the quadrafoil cutouts on the verge board on all gables; an elaborate hood with matching quadrafoil vergeboard and ornate teardrop brackets; and molded semi-circular arches over the single windows in the gables. An unusually well-detailed and ornate house.

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

Seen on the 1853 walling map as land belonging to Reuben Chase, and then on towns 1895 map with dwelling upon it belonging to Mrs. F.W. and W.F. Anthony, complete with many outbuildings.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

