

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.100
Historic Name:	Chace Farm
Common Name:	
Address:	51 Baker Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1840
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival; Italianate;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard; Foundation: Stone, Uncut;
Demolished	No



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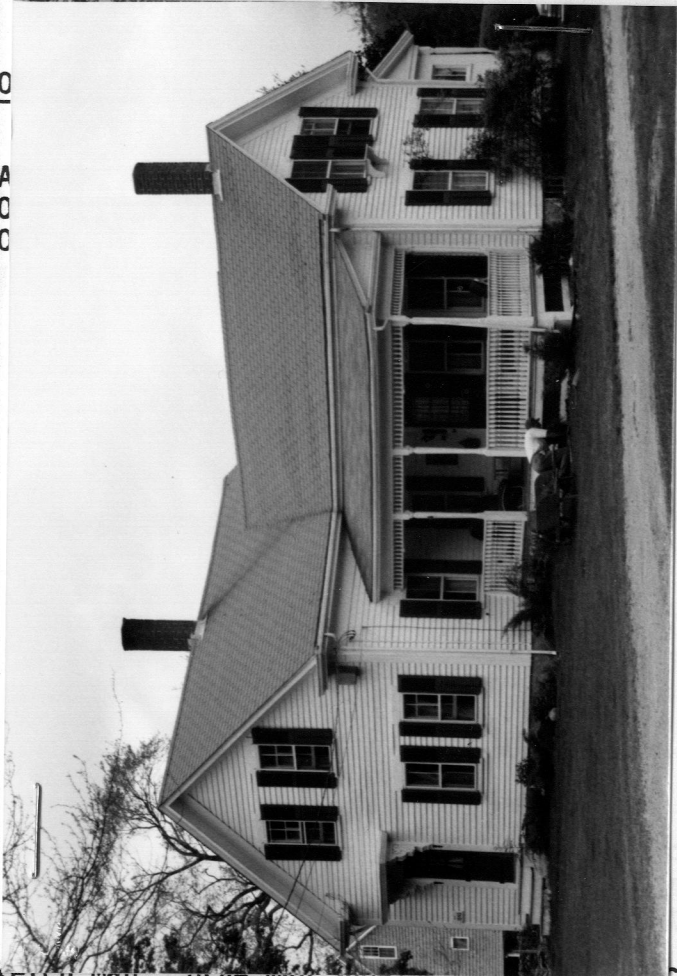
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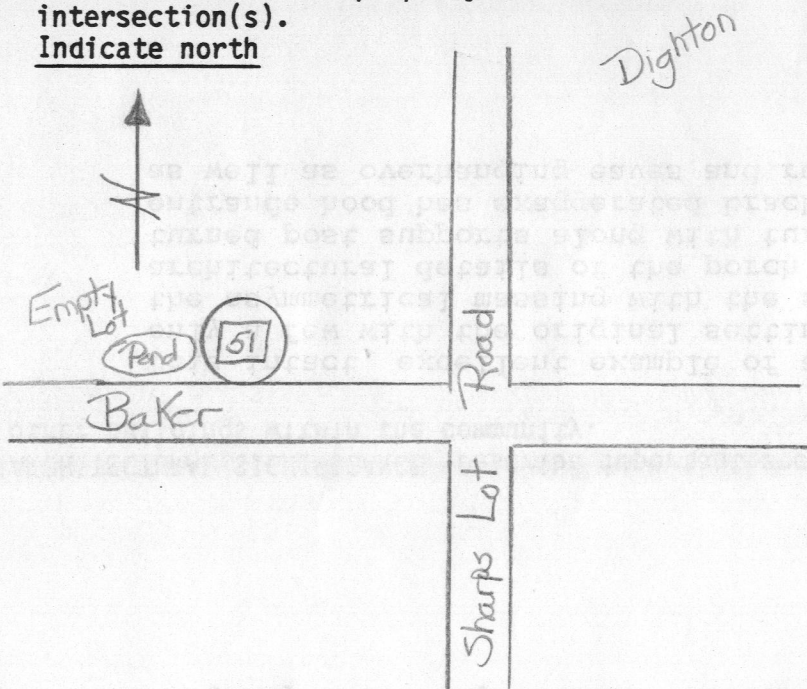
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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).

Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, MA., 1967/79

SCALE

USGS-Somerset NR

AREA

FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEA

Address 51 Baker Road

Historic Name Chace Farm

"Enoch, Reuben, Mason, Andrew"

Original house 1721

Use: Present Farmstead

Original Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1840

Source Plaque, maps, visual analysis

Style Italianate

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings 2-car garage/barn/long shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Unknown - not visible

Condition Excellent with very

sensitive repairs and maintenance

Moved No Date

Acreage 45 acres

Setting Located in a rural area on a

well kept main lot with ponds,

stonewalls and white fence.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical

Commission

Date May, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

A well preserved and maintained structure and setting. Original land integrity and a significant Italianate structure.

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

This intact, excellent example of an Italianate farmstead is one of only a few with the original setting. The major characteristics are the asymmetrical massing with the side ell and 1-story porch. The architectural details of the porch are its spindlework frieze and turned post supports along with turned - spindles and railing. The side-entrance hood has exaggerated brackets and splayed window lintels as well as overhanging eaves and returns.

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

The most significant feature of this farmstead is its original setting and well-preserved building. This structure of 1840 was built on the site and foundation of The Chace Farm house of 1721.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Mrs. Charles E. Walkden/interview 5/20/86 owner since 1941 and is giving the property to nature conservancy so no one will build



Plaque