

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.154
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	871 Gardner's Neck Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Ocean Grove; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	70;
Year Constructed:	C 1884
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate;
Use(s):	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	SWN.H
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle; Foundation: Stone, Uncut;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

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80 BOYLSTON STREET

AREA

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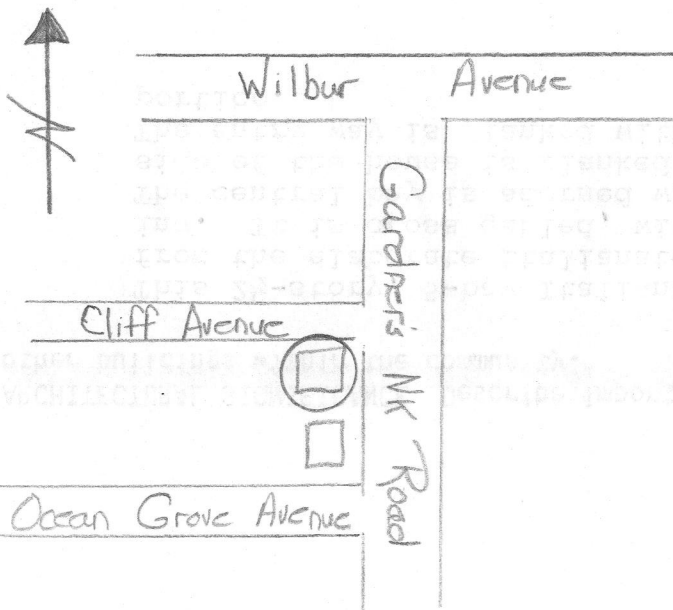
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toric Name _____
: Present Residence
Original Residence
SCRIPTION
e c. 1884
rce Assessor's records
le Transitional Italianate

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



Architect Unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric Wood
Outbuildings Garage and shed

Major Alterations (with dates) Porch removed c. 1927

Condition _____

Moved No Date _____

Acreage Over one acre

Setting This house sits on a very large piece of land, and is not obstructed from the traffic which is heavy at times on the road it faces.

Recorded by Kim Valente/C. Gardner

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date April, 1986

UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

This 2½-story, 5-bay Italianate is considered a transitional step away from the elaborate Italianate because of its simple architectural detailing. It is cross gabled, with large overhung eaves which are bracketed. The central bay is adorned with a modest Palladian window, and the south side of the house is flanked with a full squared two story bay window. The entry way is flanked with engaged columns which support a hooded portico.

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

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He cultivated his acres as farmland and owned horses, cows and sheep which he pastured on Great Island.

A house built for his farmer on his property to the north still stands at 845 Gardner's Neck Road. A house built on the south side of his property for his son, Frank, is still in use as a residence at 889 Gardner's Neck Road.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessors' Records = Swansea, Ma.

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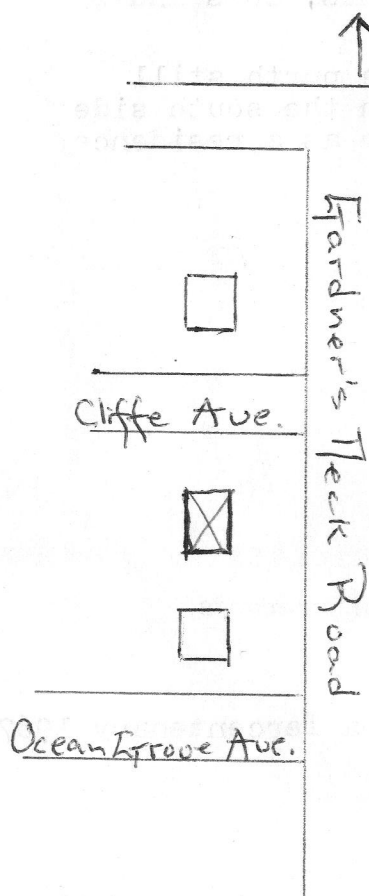
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Swansea, Massachusetts

Address 871 Gardner's Neck Road

Name _____

Present use Dwelling

Present owner Helen A. Reagan and

Arthur R. Paulhus

3. Description:

Date Property first on tax list in

1884. House built soon thereafter.

Source Assessors's records - Map 49

Style Late Victorian

Lot 177

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) Garage and shed

Other features Three stories with

two chimneys. Originally an open

porch extended around the house

except on the west side.

Altered Porch removed Date c. 1927

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 348 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

100 feet

Calvin Gardner

6. Recorded by Ruth A. Waring

Organization Swansea Historical Society

Date July 14, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles W. Anthony

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates In use as a residence continually

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	<u>X</u>
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education		Religion	
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Commerce		Military		Transportation	
Communication		Political			
Community development	<u>X</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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