

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.140
Historic Name:	Chace, Charles Anthony House
Common Name:	Wannamoissett
Address:	945 Gardner's Neck Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	South Swansea; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	12;
Year Constructed:	C 1900
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	SWN.H
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle; Foundation: Cobblestone;
Demolished	No



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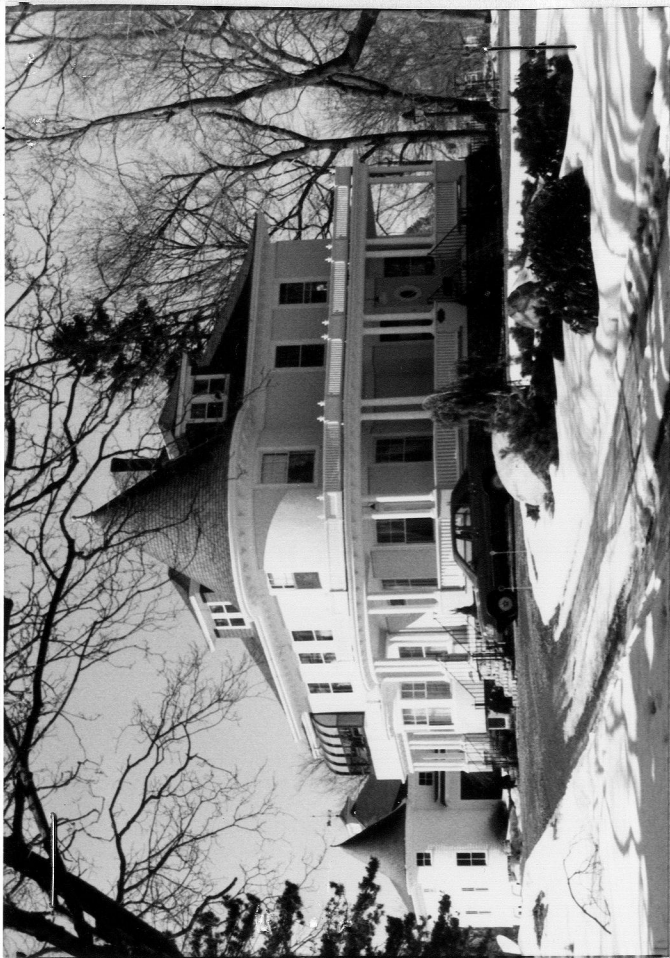
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FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEA

Address 945 Gardner's Neck Road

Historic Name "Wannamoissett"

Charles Anthony Chace House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1900

Source Assessors' records

Style Queen Anne

Architect —

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings Two-story carriage house with tower ca. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Good original fabric UD

Moved No Date —

Acreage Over one acre - 2.14 acres

Setting Set back on a well-proportioned lot, this substantial house makes a grand statement next to later, smaller structures in the area.

UTM REFERENCE 19-316900-4621320

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA:R.I.- 1967-79

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Kay Flynn/E.A. Waring, May 1978

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date January 1986

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

(see attached map)

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

"Wannamoisett", Charles Anthony Chace House, 945 Gardner's Neck Road, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship and feeling. It meets criterion A in its association with the community development from rural to suburban and criterion C for its representation as a distinguished example of a transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival dwelling along with its intact Queen Anne/Colonial Revival carriage house.

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

The Chace house was built in 1900 and reflects the type of house being built by the well-to-do families at the turn of the century. This shingle style house is a square plan, hipped-roof, 2-1/2-story structure characterized by a conical 2-1/2-story tower, a single-story classical columned finished porch, a ballus trade across the top, hipped dormers with double windows and six over-single pane windows. It is a good intact example of a Queen Anne/shingle style residence.

2/88 Addendum¹

In 1987 the outside surface material of shingles was replaced by an "outside insulation" that has a stucco appearance.

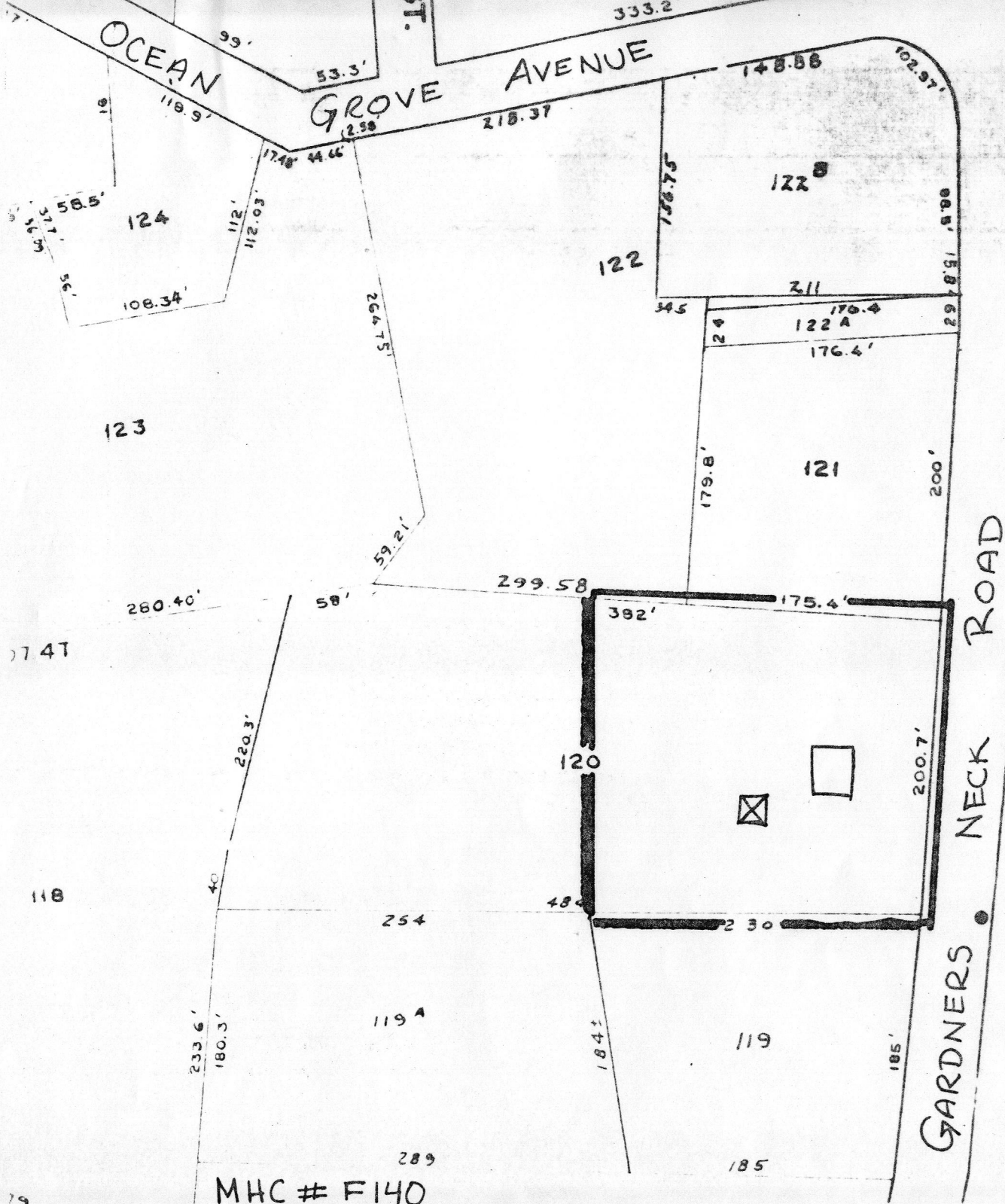
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Charles Anthony Chace purchased the property from heirs of the Gardner family who settled on Gardner's Neck in 1693. The Gardners had used the land for farming, but in the 1890's began selling off pieces of property for new homes. C.A. Chace built his house in 1900. C.A. Chace had lived on the Abner Slade farm, the home of his wife's family in East Swansea. There he built up a flourishing business erecting and selling windmills, tanks, and silos at a time when Swansea was still a farming community. His son, Benjamin, went into business with him and in 1902 they formed the New England Tank and Tower Company with a factory at Everett, MA. This house reflects the type of house that was being built in a few areas of Swansea at the turn of the century by its well-to-do citizens.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Fall River, MA.
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¹Helen Pierce interview, 2/88.



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945 GARDNERS NECK ROAD.

PROPERTY MAP

TOWN OF SWANSEA

BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

KEY

- = HOUSE
- ⊠ = CARRIAGE HOUSE

JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY
SCALE 1 INCH = 100 ± FEET
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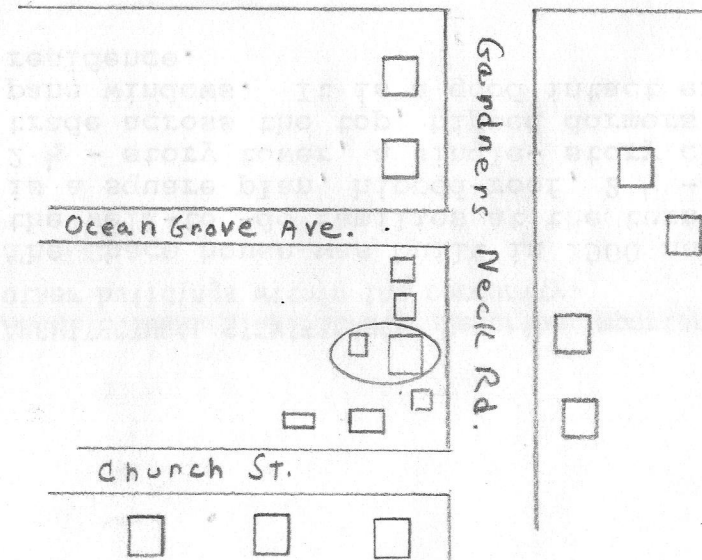
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intersection(s).
Indicate north

Wilbur Ave Route 103



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, Mass. RT 1967-79

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Recorded by Kay Flynn/E.A. Waring
May 1978

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date January 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

The Chace house was built in 1900 and reflects the type of house being built by the well-to-do families at the turn of the century. This Shingle style house is a square plan, hipped-roof, 2 ½ - story structure characterized by a comical 2 ½ - story tower, a single-story classical columned finished porch, a ballustrade across the top, hipped dormers with double windows and six over-single pane windows. It is a good intact example of a Queen Anne / Shingle style residence.

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

Charles Anthony Chace purchased the property from heirs of the Gardner Family who settled on Gardner's Neck in 1693. The Gardners had used the land for farming, but in the 1890's began selling off pieces of property for new homes. He built his house in 1900. C.A. Chace had lived on the Abner Slade farm, the home of his wife's family in East Swansea. There he built up a flourishing business erecting and selling windmills, tanks, and silos at a time when Swansea was still a farming community. His son, Benjamin, went into business with him and in 1902 they formed the New England Tank and Tower Co. with a factory at Everett, Ma. This house reflects the type of house that was being built in a few areas of Swansea at the turn of the century by its well-to-do citizens.

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no. 140



1. Town SWANSEA

Address 945 Gardner's Neck Road

Name "Wannamoisett"

Present use Residence

Present owner Harris R. Levine

3. Description:

Date 1900

Source Assessors' records

Style Late Victorian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wood - Shingles

Outbuildings (describe) 2 story carriage house with tower

Other features Round tower on house

Dormers on third story

Piazza on front and south side

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre XX

Approximate frontage 200 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
50 feet

6. Recorded by Mrs. Ellis A. Waring

Organization Swansea Historical Society

Date May 26, 1978

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

Wilbur Ave. Route 103

Ocean Grove Ave.

Church St.

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7. Original owner (if known) Charles Anthony Chace

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	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)

Mr. Charles Anthony Chace purchased the property from heirs of the Gardner family who settled on Gardner's Neck in 1693. The Gardners had used the land for farming but in the 1890's began selling off pieces of property for new homes.

Before building this handsome Victorian residence, Mr. Chace had lived on the Abner Slade farm, the home of his wife's family in East Swansea. There he built up a flourishing business erecting and selling windmills, tanks, and silos at a time when Swansea was still a farming community. His son, Benjamin, went into business with him and in 1902 they formed the New England Tank and Tower Co, with a factory at Everett, Ma.

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

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