

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.902
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Bourne Garrison Site Marker
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	770 Old Gardners Neck Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Swansea
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Gardner's Neck;
<b>Local No:</b>	134;
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1909
<b>Use(s):</b>	Military Other;
<b>Significance:</b>	Military;
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials:</b>	
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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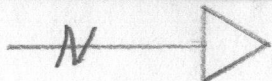
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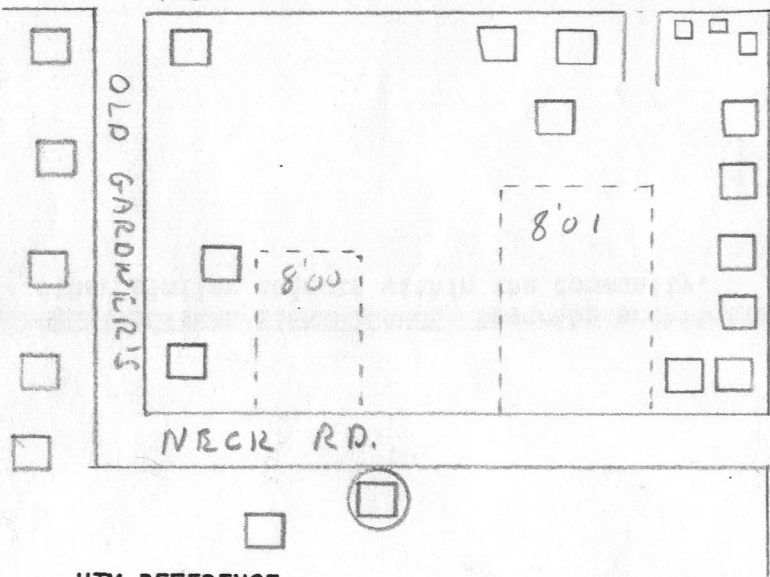
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Intersection.  
Indicate North.



NEW GARDNER'S NECK RD.



WILBUR AVE

UTM REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA., -R.I.  
(NW) 1967/79

SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS - FALL NR  
P2 - 6AED

AREA	FORM NO.
	134

see also HA-16

902

Town SWANSEA

Address 770 Old Gardner's Neck Road

Name Bourne Garrison Site

Ownership: Public

x Private

Type of Object (check one):

statue _____	monument _____
bust _____	fountain _____
marker <u>X</u> _____	milestone _____
carousel _____	boat _____
group composition _____	
religious shrine _____	
boundary marker _____	
other (specify) _____	

DESCRIPTION

Date 1909

Source Fall River Evening News.  
Fall River, Ma., June 21, 1909

Designer/Sculptor (if known): none

Material White quartz boulder

Alterations (with dates) none

Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreege on private property

Setting Located in the norhtwest corner of a private yard at 770 Old Gardner's Neck Road, it is inconspicuously placed and surrounded by hedges on two sides.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/N. Altenbrand '78

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date February, 1986

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe architectural importance of object and evaluate in terms of other similar objects within the community.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Explain historical importance of object and how the object relates to the development of the community.

A large, 4' X 6', white quartz boulder, without an inscription, marks the sight of the Bourne Garrison House. The importance of the sight lies in the fact that on this site was one of the two (the other - Myles Garrison House) known farrison houses of King Phillip's War. The war which began in Swansea in June, 1675, ended with the death of King Philip in August, 1676.

Jared Bourne, the owner of the garrison, was the manager of the Brenton properties on Mattapoisett Neck which William Brenton of Newport, R.I. had purchased from King Philip of the Wampanoags in 1664. His house was fortified as a garrison when the Indians became hostile. With the outbreak of King Philip's War in Swansea in June 1675, the settlers in the area took refuge in the farrison but were evacuated before it was burned by the Indians.

**ENTIRE INSCRIPTION (if applicable)**

No Inscription

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

History of Swansea - Otis Olney Wright - 1917  
Chronicles of Life in Swansea - Swansea Tercentenary - 1967  
Swansea Stage Coach - A Local History - 1967  
Fall River Evening News, Fall River, MA. June 21, 1909





USGS - FALL PL - 6425 (902)  
Form Number 915

Town SWANSEA  
Street 770 Old Gardner's Neck Road  
Name Bourne Garrison Site *see also HA-16*  
Original Owner William Brenton  
Present Owner Robert A. Heron  
Date Constructed 1909  
Date Dedicated June 1909  
Source of Date "Fall River Evening News"  
Designer or Sculptor \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner \_\_\_\_\_

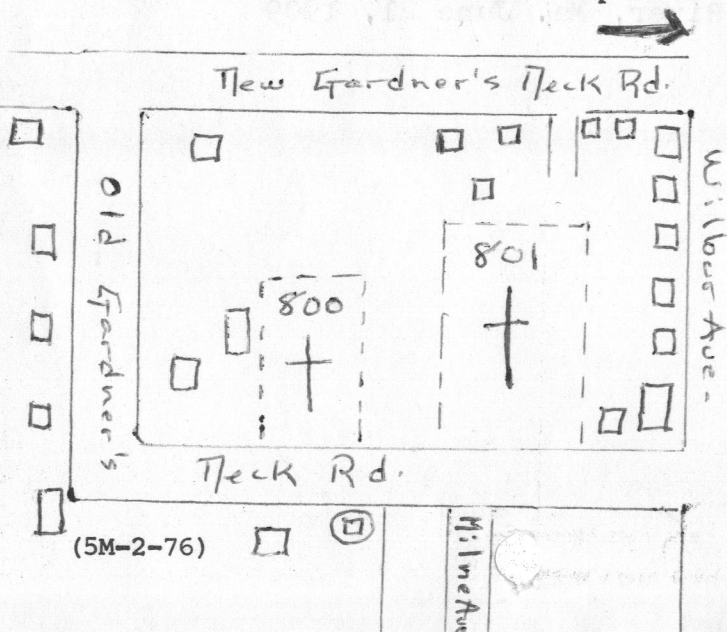
CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered  
IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None  
MONUMENT endangered by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other  
No inscription  
ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DESCRIPTION\*\*

Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material  
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other  
Setting (surroundings) In the northwest corner of the yard protected by a hedge on  
Size (approximate) 4 feet by 6 feet two sides

Indicate location of monument on map below



Recorder Mrs. Norman Altenbrand

For Swansea Historical Society  
(Name of Organization)

Photo XX 2-12 Date Received 5/19/78

\* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.

\*\* Describe the monument on the reverse side.

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## GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

quartz

A large, white boulder of the region. See photo.

## GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

The boulder marks the site of the Bourne Garrison House. Jared Bourne was the manager of the Brenton properties on Mattapoissett Neck which William Brenton of Newport, R.I. had purchased from King Philip of the Wampanoags in 1664. His house was fortified as a garrison when the Indians became hostile. With the outbreak of King Philip's War in Swansea in June 1675, the settlers in the area took refuge in the garrison but were evacuated before it was burned by the Indians.

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The importance of the site lies in its historical significance as the place which saw the start of this war which spread from Swansea throughout New England. The hostilities lasted a year and ended with the death of King Philip on Mount Hope in Bristol, R.I. in August 1676.

## REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

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