

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.124
Historic Name:	Saint Michael's School
Common Name:	
Address:	Pinehurst Ave Pinehurst & Anthony Aves
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Ocean Grove; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1931
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival;
Use(s):	Abandoned or Vacant; Private School;
Significance:	Architecture; Education; Religion;
Area(s):	SWN.G
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Brick;
Demolished	No



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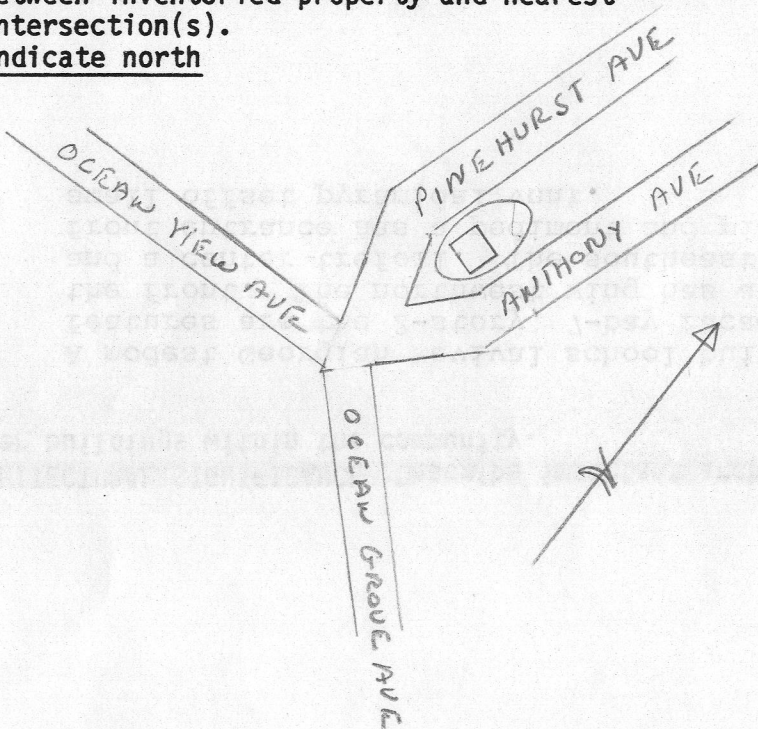
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FORM B - BUILDING

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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



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA., R.I. 1967/79

SCALE _____

PL - Ocean
GARD
USGS - FALL
AREA E FORM NO. 124

SWANSEA

Address Pinehurst and Anthony Avenues

Historic Name St. Michael's School

Present Vacant

Original School

DESCRIPTION

Year 1931

Occasion Tercentenary

Style Georgian Revival

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Unknown

Condition Good even though it has been vacant since 1970's.

Moved No Date _____

Acreage Approximately 1 acre

Setting Located at the intersection of Pinehurst and Anthony in the northeast section of Ocean Grove, a mixed small lot, residential/commercial area.

Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date May, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

A modest Georgian Revival school built in the 1930's. The characteristic features are the 2-story, 7-bay facade with flanking wings, gable ends to the front. The northwest wing has an all brick facade with patterned brick and a center trefoil. The southeast wing has 3 windows on each floor. The front entrance has a pediment and pilasters. There is no cupola but a small offset pyramidal vent.

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

The demand for parochial schools was brought about by the tremendous growth of Swansea during the 1920's and , in particular by the steady increase in population in the summer then year-round area of Ocean Grove. St. Michael's School was conducted by the Sisters of St Joseph and the Diocesan School Superintendent and was organized in 1931. In 1967 there was an enrollment of 338 students in Kindergarten through grade 8. The school was closed in the early 1980's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Swansea Tercentenary, pg. 54