

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.158
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Grand Diner, The
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	G.A.R. Hwy Rt 6
<b>City/Town:</b>	Swansea
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Gardner's Neck;
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1956
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Not researched;
<b>Use(s):</b>	Diner; Restaurant;
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Commerce;
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials:</b>	Wall: Vinyl Siding;
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

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P2-6ARD  
USGS-Fall

AREA

FORM NO.

158



SWANSEA

Address G.A.R. Highway (RT.6) and  
Gardners Neck Road  
Historic Name The Grand Diner

Present Diner

Original Diner

DESCRIPTION

1956

Source Owner interview

Use Commercial

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Synthetic

Outbuildings

Major Alterations (with dates)

None

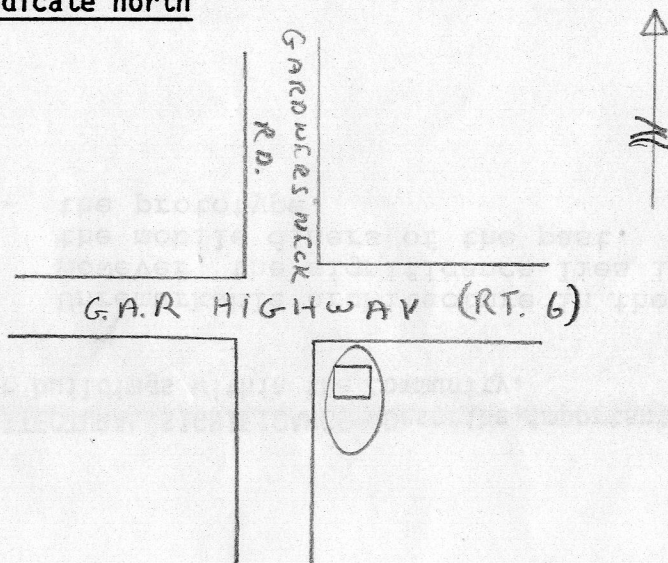
Condition Fair

Moved No Date

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Located on the corner of  
G.A.R. Highway and Gardner Neck

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

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kum Valente

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.

Unremarkable architecture in the fact that it was built in 1956 on the lot. However, the significance lies in the fact that it was built to resemble the mobile diners of the past. Rectangular street/train/trolley cars were the prototype.

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

Though built just in 1956, The Grand Diner is significant in the growth of Swansea and the development of Rt. 6 (G.A.R. Highway.) Diners along a commercial strip share a common background. Others in the area are ~~Adm~~Mac's (1910), and Paramount in Fall River. The interesting fact is that The Grand Diner was not a mobile street or train car moved into place but was built to resemble a diner? Frand Ciosek, Sr. started in the Paramount Diner (now uncle's catering facility) in Fall River on Bedford Street and then moved to Swansea and built the Grand.

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