

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.29
Historic Name:	Eddy House
Common Name:	Eddy - Baker Farm Complex
Address:	241 Locust St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1750
Architectural Style(s):	Georgian;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	SWN.C
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990);
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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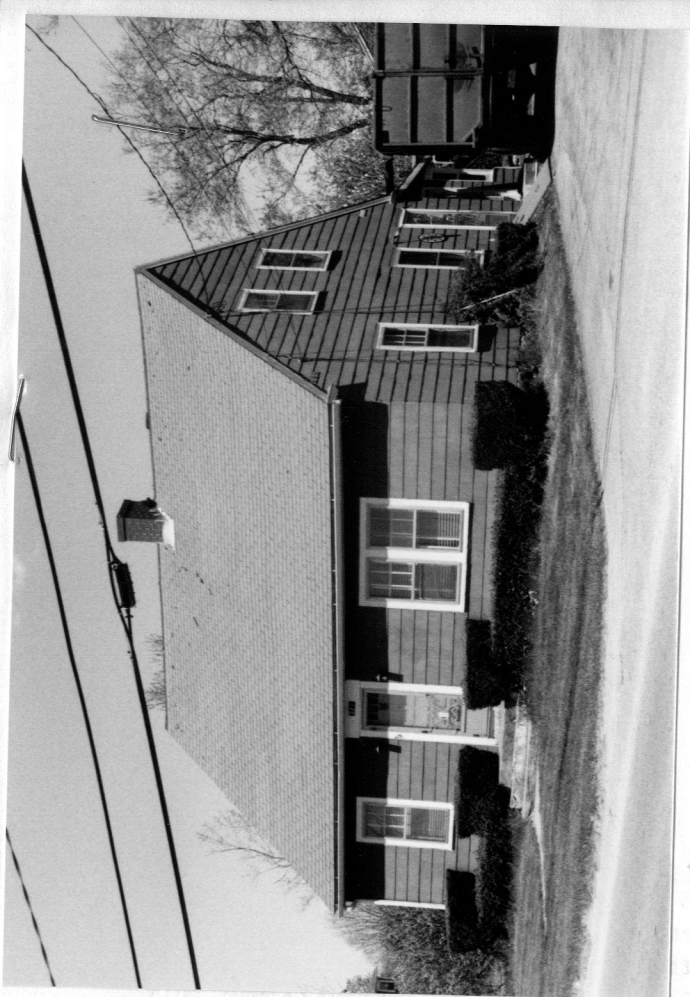
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AREA FORM NO.
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Town SWANSEA - HORTONVILLE

Address 241 Locust Street

Historic Name Eddy / Baker Farm Complex

Use: Present Baker Farmstead

Original Farmsteads

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1745

Source Visual analysis / Ken Baker

Style Cape

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings Part of a 300 acre farm

complex with a variety of outbuilding
slaughter house, barn, stables
Major Alterations (with dates) _____

New roof - 1986 - other unknown

Condition Excellent state of preserva-
tion with continual maintenance.

Moved No Date _____

Acres 300 Acres

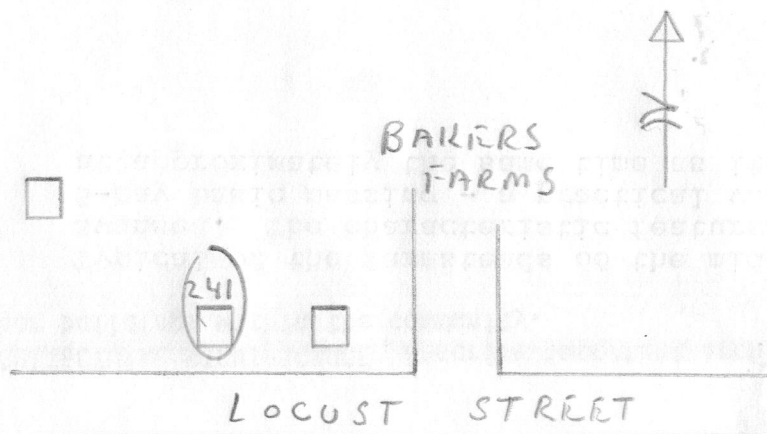
Setting A large farm complex situated
on 300 acres of well-maintained farm-
lands on the Rehoboth border - a
rural setting.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical
Commission

Date May, 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



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, MA., 1967/79

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Typical of the farmsteads of the mid-19th century scattered throughout Swansea. The characteristic features of this Cape are the 1½-story, 5-bay basic massing - a practical vernacular building. This was built at approximately the same time as its neighbor #235 and is now rented.

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

The Eddy/Baker Farm Complex is the only large working farm remaining in Swansea. It is an intact agricultural setting. The original owners were the Eddys. The Bakers purchased it in 1835. The Hale Farm, across the street, is an original land grant from England. Baker has purchased and leases some of the Hale land. This is only one of the farmsteads on this extensive complex.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

5/14/86 Interview with Ken Baker - Owner
1895 - 1850 Map