

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.28
Historic Name:	Baker, Myron Estate
Common Name:	
Address:	261 Locust St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1900
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival;
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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FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA CE FORM NO. 28

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Location SWANSEA
Address 261 Locust Street
Historic Name Myron Baker Estate
Current Use: Present Farmstead
Original Farmstead
Description
Date ca. 1900
Source Visual analysis & Owner

Style Colonial Revival

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings Extended farm complex of
300 acres

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Picture windows - Mid 20th century

Condition Excellent

Moved No Date _____

Acreage 300 acres

Setting Situated as the main house

with long circular drive and

extensive landscaping amongst

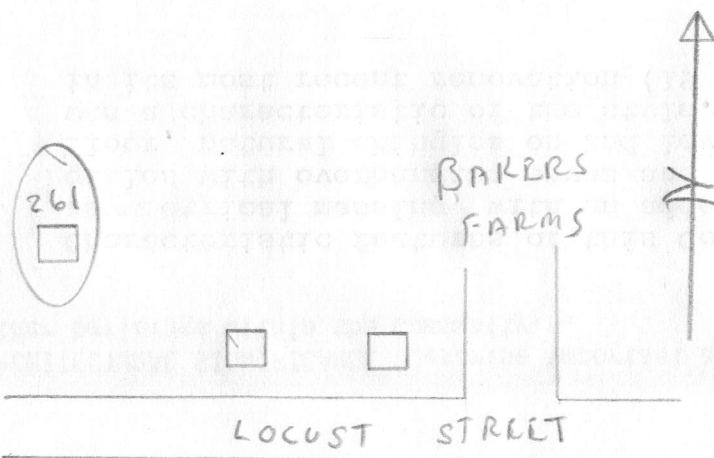
300 acres of farmland.

Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Swansea Historical

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.

Characteristic features of this Colonial Revival house are 2½-story, asymmetrical massing, with an added exterior chimney. Intersecting gables with overhanging eaves and wide friezeband. Clapboarded 1st floor, natural shingles on 2nd level give the visual texture which was a characteristic of the style. The interior has been "hand fashioned" in its most recent renovation (1980's.)

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 leased some of the Hale land. This is only one of the farmsteads on this extensive complex. This house was built by Ken Baker's father in 1900, to be his own home. It illustrates what a well-to-do farmer wanted to "move up to" at the turn of the century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Interview with Ken Baker - Owner 5/14/86

1895 Map "Frank Baker" as owner of the complex #261 is not on the map.