

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.41
Historic Name:	Marvel, Benanuel House
Common Name:	
Address:	990 Hortonville Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	53;
Year Constructed:	C 1783
Architectural Style(s):	Georgian;
Use(s):	General Retail Store; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce;
Area(s):	SWN.C
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990);
Building Materials:	Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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Town SWANSEA - HORTONVILLE

Address 990 Hortonville Road

Historic Name Benanuel Marvel Place

Use: Present Residential

Original Resident and Store

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1783

Source Fall River Registry of Deeds

Style Georgian Colonial

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings Modern Garage

Major Alterations (with dates) Unknown

Condition Good state of preservation
and well maintained.

Moved No Date _____

Acreage Less than one acre

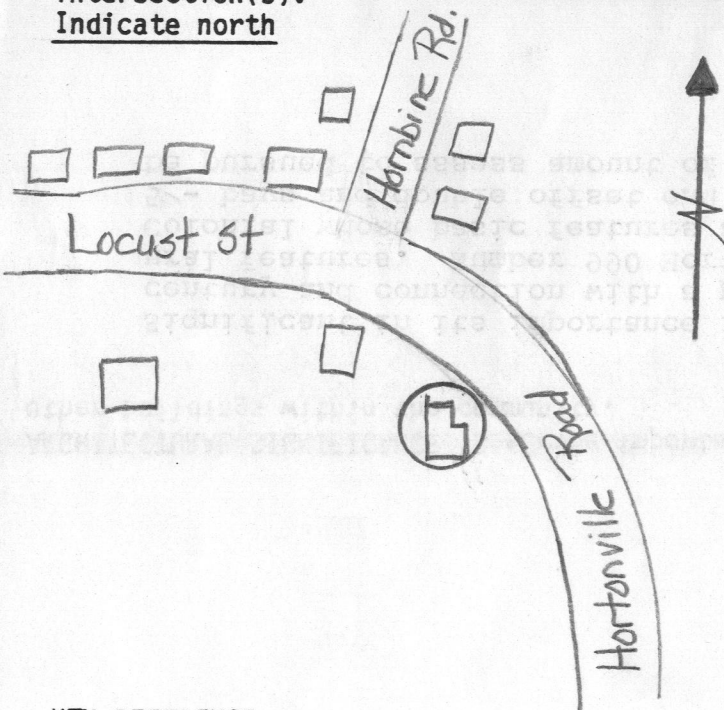
Setting Situated near the corner of a
once busy intersection in Hortonville
now a quiet residential neighborhood.
Mature landscaping.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/ H. Pierce '78

Organization Swansea Historical
Commission

Date March, 1986

Intersection(s).
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, MA. Bristol Co. 1867

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Significant in its importance in the village of Hortonville in the 19th century and connection with a prominent family rather than its architectural features. Number 990 Hortonville Road is a vernacular Georgian Colonial whose basic features are the square massing of 2½ - stories, 5 - bays and double offset end chimneys. Interior investigation should be pursued to assess amount of original fabric.

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

Benanuel Marvel Sr. and Benanuel Marvel Jr. were prominent and well-to-do citizens. They often loaned money to the town in anticipation of revenue. In the north end of the house they operated a country store. Benanuel Marvel Sr. married Sarah Mason in 1783 and it is believed the house was constructed about that time. "Benanuel" is the only listing in the 1790 census.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Wright, O.O., History of Swansea, Ma. 1667-1917, Swansea, 1917, pg. 189

FORM B - BUILDING

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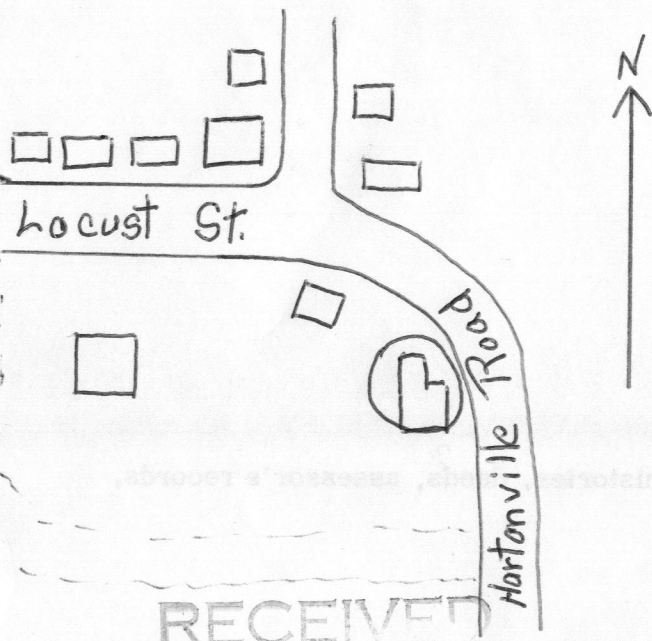
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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1. Town Swansea, Massachusetts

Address 990 Hortonville Road

Name Benanuel Marvel Place

Present use Residential

Present owner William L. & Geraldine Mullaley

3. Description:

Date c. 1783

Source Fall River Registry of Deeds

Style Three level colonial

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Outbuildings (describe) Modern garage

Other features None

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 248 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

35 feet

6. Recorded by Helen Pierce

Organization Swansea Historical Soc.

Date January 20, 1979

7. Original owner (if known) Benanuel Marvel Sr.

Original use Home and store

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>X</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Benanuel Marvel Sr. and Benanuel Marvel Jr. were prominent and well-to-do citizens. They often loaned money to the town in anticipation of revenue. In the north end of the house they operated a country store. Benanuel Marvel Senior married Sarah Mason in 1783 and it is believed the house was constructed about that time.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Vital Records of Swansea

Fall River Registry of Deeds