

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.72
Historic Name:	Swansea Union Manufacturing Company
Common Name:	Swan Finishing Company
Address:	11 Ledge Rd End of Ledge Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	48;
Year Constructed:	C 1889
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival; No style;
Use(s):	Bleachery; Business Office; Dye House; Grist Mill; Industrial Complex or District; Paper Mill; Printing Shop; Textile Mill Cotton; Warehouse;
Significance:	Architecture; Industry;
Area(s):	SWN.D
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990);
Building Materials:	Wall: Brick;
Demolished	Yes



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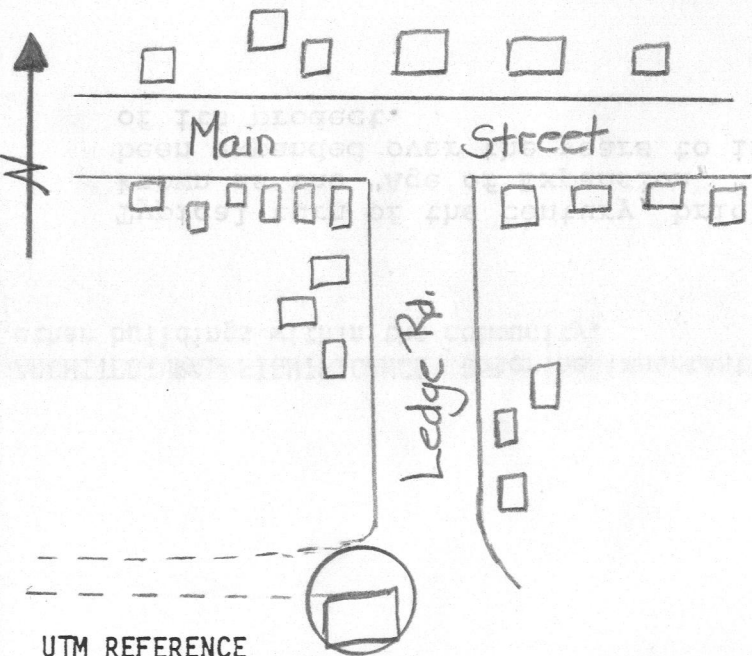
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UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA-RI 1967-79

SCALE

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Town SWANSEA

Address End of Ledge Road

Historic Name SWAN FINISHING WAREHOUSE

Use: Present Swan Finishing Warehouse

Original Industrial

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1850 1889

Source Records of Swansea Print Works

Style

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings various sheds

Major Alterations (with dates) Several

Additions dates unknown

Condition

Moved No Date

Acreage Over one acre

Setting Located at the end of the street

facing what is known as Interstate 6

Recorded by K. Valente/ H. Pierce '78

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date March, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

Typical turn of the century, brick, factory, built at the end of what was known as the "Age of Expansion, " and before the "Age of Industry." Has been expanded over the years to include larger working space and handling of its product.

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

The year 1813 is the first indebtifiable date for a mill at this site. No doubt there was on earlier. The grist mill was followed by a cotton mill, then a paper mill. Next came a Bleachery, next a dye works and then a flourishing pront works. This company was sold in 1956 and the Swan Finishing Company purchased the plant in 1958. The pond, the damn and the mill were one holding until 1958. Now the water rights are owned by the Montaup Electric Company.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Records and photographs of Swansea Print Works.
- History of Swansea, O.O. Wright.
- Scrabbletown, Alice Brayton, 1943

FORM B - BUILDING

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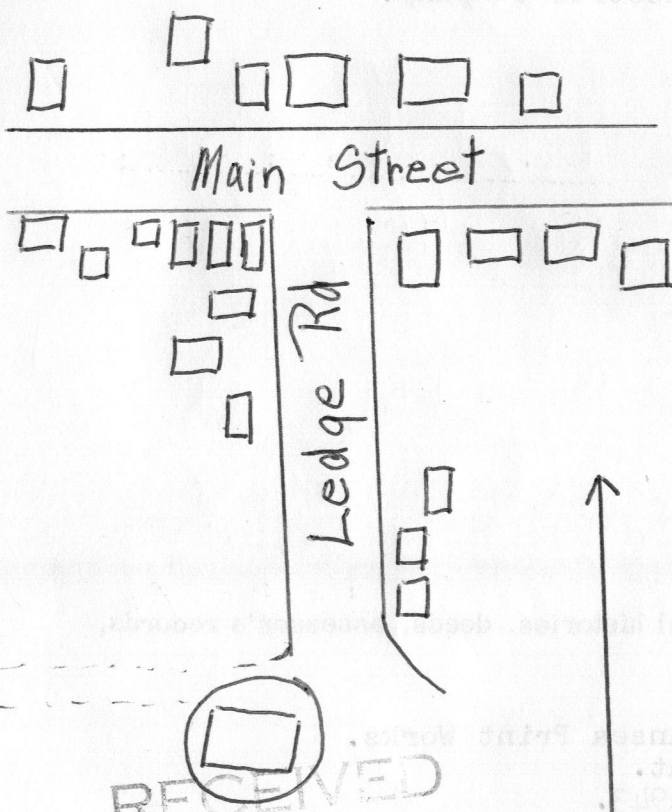
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in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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MASS. HIST. COMM.

1. Town Swansea, Massachusetts

Address End of Ledge Road

Name Swan Finishing Co.

Present use Warehouse

Present owner Swan Finishing Co.

3. Description:

Date 1889 ?

Source Records of Swansea Print Works

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Various sheds

Other features _____

Altered Several additions Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 300 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

50 feet to gate

6. Recorded by Helen Pierce

Organization Swansea Historical Soc.

Date October 9, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Caleb Easterbrook

Original use Industrial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

1813 is the first identifiable date for a mill at this site. No doubt there was one earlier. The grist mill was followed by a cotton mill, then a paper mill. Next came a Bleachery, next a dye works and then a flourishing print works. The name Swansea Print Works came to be used in 1926. This company was sold in 1956 and the Swan Finishing Company purchased the plant in 1958. The pond, the dam and the mill were one holding until 1958. Now the water rights are owned by the Montaup Electric Company.

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

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