

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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| <b>Inventory No:</b>           | SWN.45   |
| <b>Historic Name:</b>          | Stevens, Frank S. School   |
| <b>Common Name:</b>            |  |
| <b>Address:</b>                | 1 Gardner's Neck Rd  |
| <b>City/Town:</b>              | Swansea  |
| <b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>   | Gardner's Neck;  |
| <b>Local No:</b>               |  |
| <b>Year Constructed:</b>       | 1908   |
| <b>Architectural Style(s):</b> | Colonial Revival;  |
| <b>Architect(s):</b>           | Vaughan, Henry;  |
| <b>Use(s):</b>                 | Business Office; Other Educational; Public School;                     |
| <b>Significance:</b>           | Architecture; Education;   |
| <b>Area(s):</b>                | SWN.D  |
| <b>Designation(s):</b>         | Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990); |
| <b>Building Materials:</b>     | Wall: Brick; Wood;   |
| <b>Demolished</b>              | No   |



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FORM B - BUILDING



AREA DE FORM NO. 45

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Location SWANSEA

Address 1 Gardner Neck Road

Historic Name Frank S. Stevens School

Present School Administration

Original School

DESCRIPTION

Date 1908

Source Assessors' Records /

Tercentenary

Style Neoclassical

Architect Henny Vaughan, Boston

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings Garage/Storage facility

Major Alterations (with dates) None

Condition Excellent

Moved No Date

Acreage Over one acre

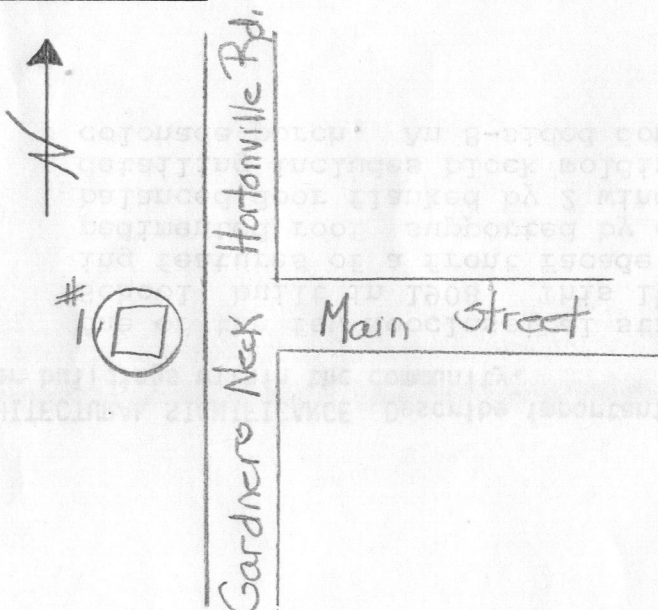
Setting Located near the intersection of Hortonville Rd. and Gardner Neck and Main Street a traffic area of the "village."

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 Fall River, MA., R.I. 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.

One of the few Neoclassical structure in Swansea is the Frank S. Stevens School, built in 1908. This 1½-story brick structure has the distinguishing features of a front facade dominated by a full-height porch with a pedimented roof supported by classical Doric columns, symmetrically balanced door flanked by 2 windows (6 over 6 lights.) The architectural detailing includes block molding on all eaves of the hipped roof and colonade porch. An 8-sided dome adorns the roof.

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

Swansea's school history is significant in the fact that it was mandated that there be a school in the area in 1673. By 1807, 12 regular school districts were set up in various homes. By 1838 the districts were reduced to 10 which was maintained into the 1900's. The Village School was located in the vicinity of the present Jr. High School and was moved to the site of the Frank S. Stevens School. The money for the school was presented to the town by the widow of Frank S. Stevens, the philanthropist who changed the face of Swansea Village.

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