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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Swansea, Mass. MRA  
SWANSEA

Address 132 Bay Point Avenue

Historic Name Harold H. Anthony House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

## DESCRIPTION

Date 1922

Source Assessor's records

Style Georgian Revival

Architect R. Clipston Sturgis

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings 2-car brick garage

Major Alterations (with dates) south porch  
enclosed (1930)

Condition excellent

Moved no Date ---

Acreage approximately 1.7 acres

Setting one of the larger properties in

the area overlooking Mt. Hope Bay;

simple landscaping, circular driveway

Recorded by R. A. Waring/K. Flynn/K. Broomer

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date April 1978/January 1986/October 1989

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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

(see attached map)

UTM REFERENCE 19 315970 4619820

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA-RI 1967/1979

SCALE 1:25000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Harold Anthony House, 132 Bay Point Avenue, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association and is significant on the local level. The house meets Criterion A for its association with the suburbanization of Gardner's Neck in South Swansea in the early decades of the 20th century, and Criterion C as a prominent architect-designed house of brick, an unusual building material in residential construction in Swansea.

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

This elegant two-story brick house in the Georgian Revival style was designed by Boston architect R. Clipston Sturgis in 1922. The gabled structure consists of a rectangular main block with two four-bay wings extending south toward Mt. Hope Bay. The main entry is marked by a full-height portico with Doric columns flanked by gabled wall dormers. On the south elevation, a center-entry porch facing the bay is distinguished by exposed rafters and paired columns; the porch was enclosed with multi-pane sash ca. 1930. All window sash on the brick elevations are contained in brick segmental-arch or rectangular surrounds.

As a brick house, 132 Bay Point Avenue is unusual in Swansea, where both year-round and summer homes are generally clad in wood.

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

This house was built on land at the end of Gardner's Neck and bought by Harold Anthony's father, David M. Anthony, in 1883 (see Form F149). The land had been in the Gardner family from 1694 to 1867, and had been used for farming. Mr. David Anthony continued to operate a farm on the property until 1895, when he built a summer residence facing Mt. Hope Bay. He sold some of his land along Lee's River and the Bay to Fall River families who followed his example and built summer homes. In 1922, his son, Harold, built this brick residence as a permanent home. The younger Anthony was at the forefront of the movement to make Swansea a suburban, rather than simply a summer resort, town. The next fifty years brought winterization of summer homes throughout Gardner's Neck.

R. Clipston Sturgis (b. 1860) of Boston had a varied career that focused on residential and institutional design. With William Chapman and Robert D. Andrews, Sturgis was involved in the addition of white marble wings to the Massachusetts State House in 1914-1917. He began his architectural career in the office of John H. Sturgis, and in 1888 succeeded to partnership with William R. Cabot. Among his other commissions are the Arlington (Mass.) Town Hall, Whitinsville (Mass.) Library (1925), and a house in Lancaster, Mass.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's records, Swansea, Mass. (1922).  
Boston Public Library, Fine Arts Dept., Boston architects file.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Swansea MRA  
Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

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| Cover                              | <del>Substantive Review</del>       | Accept <i>Peter L. Savage</i> 02-16-90<br>Cover        |
| 1. Anthony, David M., House        | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
| 2. Anthony, Harold H., House       | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
| 3. Bark Street School              | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
| 4. Barneyville Historic District   | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
| 5. Bend of the Lane                | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
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| 7. Buffington, Deacon, John, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
| 8. Church of Christ, Swansea       | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <i>Arlene Byers</i> 2/16/90<br>Attest _____     |
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| 10/ Colony Historic District       | <del>Substantive Review</del>       | Keeper <i>Peter L. Savage</i> 02-16-90<br>Attest _____ |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Anthony, Harold H., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Swansea MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Bristol

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/10/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/01/90      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000058

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    2/16/90 DATE

Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Harold Anthony House (MHC # F150)  
132 Bay Point  
Swansia, Mass. MRA

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View S

132 Bay Point Rd

# F150  
132 Bay Point Ave.



KEY  
 □ = HOUSE  
 ⤵ = CIRCULAR DRIVE  
 ⊗ = GARAGE

1961/REVISED  
 10/82

PROPERTY MAP  
**TOWN OF SWANSEA**  
 BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY  
 SCALE 1 INCH = 100 ± FEET

OLD TOWN, MAINE  
 FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES ONLY 40

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000296