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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Swansea, Mass. MRA
SWANSEA

Address 1035 Gardner's Neck Road

Historic Name Samuel Gardner House

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

Use: Present Residence

Original Farmhouse, residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1768

Source Bristol County Registry of Deeds

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

1-story north wing (early 19th century?)

Condition good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Located behind a property sited

on Gardner's Neck Road off a private drive.

Original farmstead on Neck now surrounded

by new (most 20th-cent.) homes.

Recorded by L. Fayan Jr./K. Flynn/K. Broomer

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date May 1978/January 1986/October 1989

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 316820 4621140

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA-RI 1967/1979

SCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Samuel Gardner House, 1035 Gardner's Neck Road, is significant as a well-preserved late 18th-century cape associated with the early settlement of Gardner's Neck in South Swansea. The house retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association and meets Criteria A and C on the local level.

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

This 1½-story cape with gambrel roof, central brick chimney, and double-pile plan is a good example of typical 18th-century farmhouse construction in Swansea. The heavy gabled hoods of the three facade dormers and the one-story north wing are 19th-century additions; these and the 6/6 sash illustrate the repairs and upgrading the farmhouse sustained with continual use.

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

This section of Swansea, or Mattapoiset, was wilderness when Samuel Gardner of Newport (and later Freetown) and his partner Ralph Chapman bought the land for £1700 from the Rev. Ebenezer Brenton in 1693. Rev. Brenton was the son of the first English land-owner who had purchased Mattapoiset from the Indians in 1664. Gardner and Chapman divided the land between them, with Gardner settling the southern half of the neck located between the Cole and Lee's Rivers.

Gardner deeded parts of his farm to his sons when they came of age. Samuel Gardner (the son) received the northerly portion of his father's farm and built this house after marrying Elizabeth Anthony in 1767. The couple had 13 children. The younger Samuel was later known as "Upper Sam" after his nephew, also Samuel (son of Peleg Gardner), received farmland immediately south from his own father. "Lower Sam" built a house at the present 1443 G. N. Road.

The Gardner family was responsible for much of the 18th and early 19th-century development of Gardner's Neck, including construction of at least five houses along Gardner's Neck Road, the spine. The area remained largely farmland until 1865, when the Fall River & Warren Railroad constructed a station on the Neck, precipitating the construction first of summer houses and then of suburban homes by the early 20th century. The cape at 1035 Gardner's Neck Road is a survival of the limited 18th-century settlement.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Fall River District.
Pierce, Helen. ed. Swansea Tercentenary 1667-1967. Swansea, MA, 1967.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Swansea MRA

Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Date Listed

11. First Baptist Church and Society

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

12. Gardner, Francis L., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

13. Gardner, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

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14. Gardner, Preserved, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

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15. Gardner, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

16. Hooper House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/8/90

Attest _____

17. Hortonville Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

18. Johnson, J. V., House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/8/90

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19. Luther House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/8/90

Attest _____

20. Luther's Corner

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gardner, Samuel, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Swansea MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Bristol

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/15/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/01/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000068

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

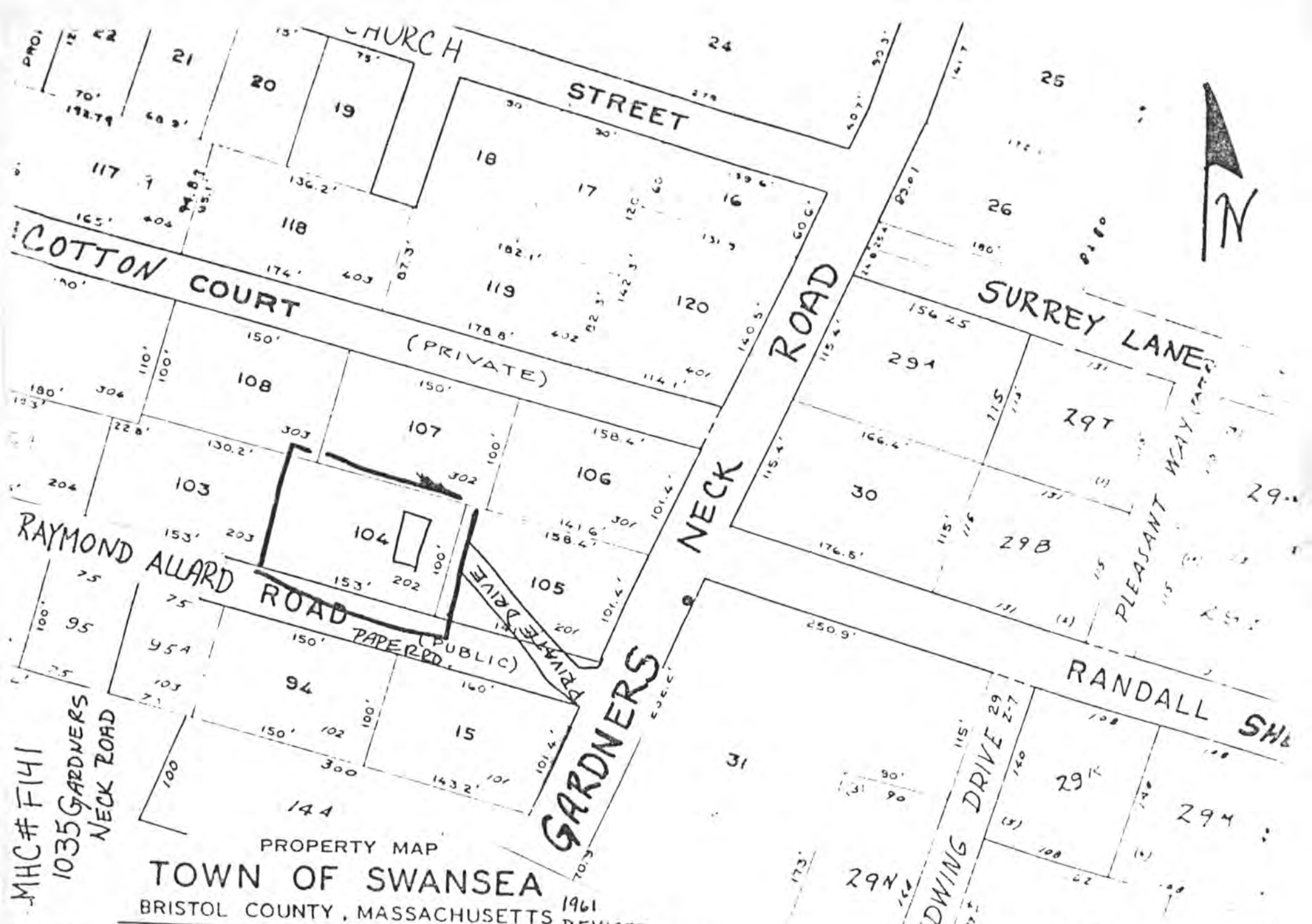
Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



Samuel Gardner House
1035 Gardner's Neck Road
Swansea, MA 01938



MHC# F141
 1035 GARDNERS
 NECK ROAD

PROPERTY MAP
TOWN OF SWANSEA
 BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS 1961
 REVISED 10/82
 JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY
 OLD TOWN, MAINE
 SCALE 1 INCH = 100 ± FEET
 FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES ONLY

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000296