

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

FORM NO.

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143

Town Swansea, Mass. MRA
SWANSEA

Address 1205 Gardner's Neck Road

Historic Name Joseph Gardner House

Use: Present residence

Original residence/farmhouse

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1795

Source will of Peleg Gardner (1789) et al.

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings 2-stall wood barn

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Facade extended 17' to south (ca. 1877)

Condition good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 1.25 acres

Setting primarily late 19th-century

and 20th-century suburban houses

surrounding; trees at property line

Recorded by R. 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 316640 4620660

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA-RI 1967/1979

SCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Joseph Gardner House, 1205 Gardner's Neck Road, retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. The house meets Criterion A for its association with the 18th-century settlement of Gardner's Neck in South Swansea, and Criterion C as an intact cape with expansions associated with its late 19th-century use as a summer home. The house is significant on the local level.

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

A 1½-story, five-bay, center-entry cape with central brick chimney, the original Gardner House at 1205 Gardner's Neck Road is typical of 18th-century farmhouse construction in Swansea. The original chimney has three fireplaces on the ground floor and one in the upstairs north room. Certain features date to a ca. 1877 remodeling, at which time the house was expanded to accommodate a second family. A 17', 3-bay, double-pile addition was made to the south end of the facade, providing a secondary front door, a one-story porch with columns spanning the south side of the house, and a side door on the south elevation. The 6/6 window sash and round-arched glazing in the original front entry also likely date to the later period. The house illustrates the adaptation of the 18th-century farmhouses on Gardner's Neck to serve late 19th-century summer home uses.

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

John and Joseph Gardner, brothers, were the sons of Col. Peleg Gardner (1719-1789), whose father, Samuel, with Ralph Chapman, bought Gardner's Neck from the Brentons of Newport in 1693. King Philip of the Wampanoags had sold this portion of the Indian territory to the Brentons.

Col. Gardner in his will left adjoining 35-acre parcels of farmland to his sons John and Joseph. The latter purchased his brother's parcel, on which the present house stands, when John moved to Somerset. John married Betsey Slade of Somerset, and Joseph married her sister, Hannah. This house is one of the few survivals of the Gardner family settlement of the Neck in the 18th century.

The Gardners maintained the property as a farm until 1854. In 1874, the house and 50 acres were acquired by Andrew J. Borden and his business partner, William Almy, both of Fall River. Mr. and Mrs. Borden and their daughters, Lizzie and Emma, used the house as a summer residence for a number of years. The house was enlarged with a 17-foot south addition with porch and secondary front door to accommodate the Almy family. The house served as a summer home for several families until the Hudner family made it a year-round residence in 1946.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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

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
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for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

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13. Gardner, Joseph, House

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14. Gardner, Preserved, House

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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

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National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

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18. Johnson, J. V., House

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for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/8/90

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19. Luther House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/9/90

Attest _____

20. Luther's Corner

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National Register

for Keeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gardner, Joseph, 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: 90000076

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 _____



Joseph Gardner House (MHC# F143)
1205 Gardner's Neck Road
Swausea, Mass. MRA

1988

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1205 Gardner's Neck Road
SWANSEA, MA 1988

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1205 Gardners Neck



KEY
□ = HOUSE
▣ = 2 STALL BARN/
GARAGE



1961
Revised
10/82

PROPERTY MAP
TOWN OF SWANSEA
BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

AMES W. SEWALL COMPANY
1 INCH = 100 FEET

OLD TOWN, MAINE

NORWOOD

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000296