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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116



Swansea, Mass. MRA
 SWANSEA

36 Riverview Avenue

ic Name J. V. Johnson House

Present Residence

Original Residence

PTION

1913

Swansea Assessor's Records

Prairie-influenced
 (builder:

rchitect unknown A. H. Leeming & Sons)

Exterior Wall Fabric fieldstone

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

rear porch enclosed (ca. 1920)

Condition excellent

Moved no Date ---

Acreage less than one acre (52,500 sq. ft.)

Setting On road that runs to Lees

River with sizable property and mature trees.

Recorded by C. L. Gardner/K. Flynn/Broome K.

Organization Swansea Historical Commiss

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 316740 4620300

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA-RI 1967/1979

SCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The J. V. Johnson House, 36 Riverview Avenue, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and is significant on the local level. The house meets Criterion A as a representation of the suburbanization of Swansea in the early decades of the 20th century, and Criterion C as a well-preserved example of Prairie style architecture.

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

A full-blown example of the bungalow house type, this 1½-story dwelling is distinguished by its unique fieldstone walls and tile roof. In materials, the house contrasts sharply with the predominantly wood-clad character of Swansea's residential architecture. The low-pitched hipped roof, wide overhanging eaves, bands of casement dormer windows, and emphasis on the horizontal are evocative of the Prairie style. Other exterior detailing includes exposed rafters, multi-pane awning sash on the first floor, and terracotta panels displaying stylized floral patterns in a Sullivanesque mode.

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

In the early 20th century, Swansea was evolving from a self-sufficient community based on agriculture, boatbuilding, and fishing into a suburban and resort area oriented toward the cities of Fall River (to the east) and Providence (to the west). The Johnson House is located on Gardner's Neck in South Swansea, the target of much suburban development in the years prior to World War I. The house's original owner owned the Cliquot Club Soda Co., while another resident owned the Fall River Knitting Mills.

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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: Johnson, J. V., 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: 90000069

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: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/16/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

see reverse.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 2/16/90

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

*Is the garage contributing or non contributing?
When was it constructed?
Please clarify.*

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

Please further justify the property's particular, individual significance in the context of suburbanization of Swansea under criterion A, or delete it in resubmission.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMS ___ boundary justification

*# does not equal acreage provided.
= 52,500 = 1.2 acres.
Have indicated, which*

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

is correct? please clarify.

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone (202) 343-9540

Signed

Bella J. Swase

Date 2/16/90

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

FORM NO.

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137

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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

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13. Gardner, Joseph, House

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14. Gardner, Preserved, House

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15. Gardner, Samuel, House

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16. Hooper House

~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 8/8/90

Attest _____

17. Hortonville Historic District

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18. Johnson, J. V., House

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19. Luther House

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20. Luther's Corner

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000069

Date Listed: 08/08/90

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Bristol
County

MA
State

Swansea MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Beth A. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

8/8/90
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Information: Acreage

The correct acreage is 1.2 acres.

This information was confirmed by Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8/8/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: *Y*

*Locally significant prairie style residence.
Initial return comments now addressed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
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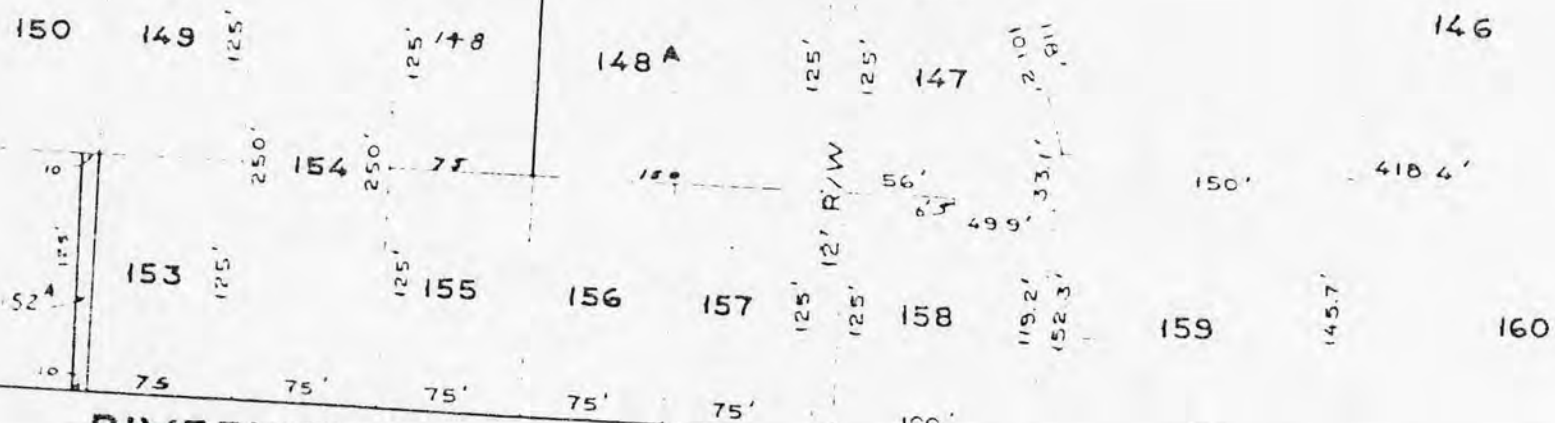
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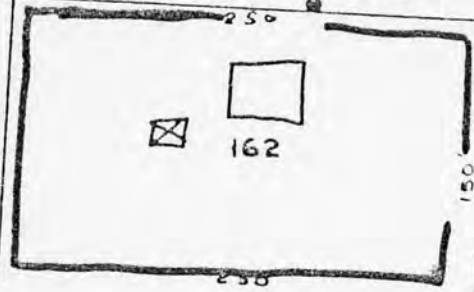
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36 River View Avenue
Swansea, MA MRA

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(SHERMAN AVE.)

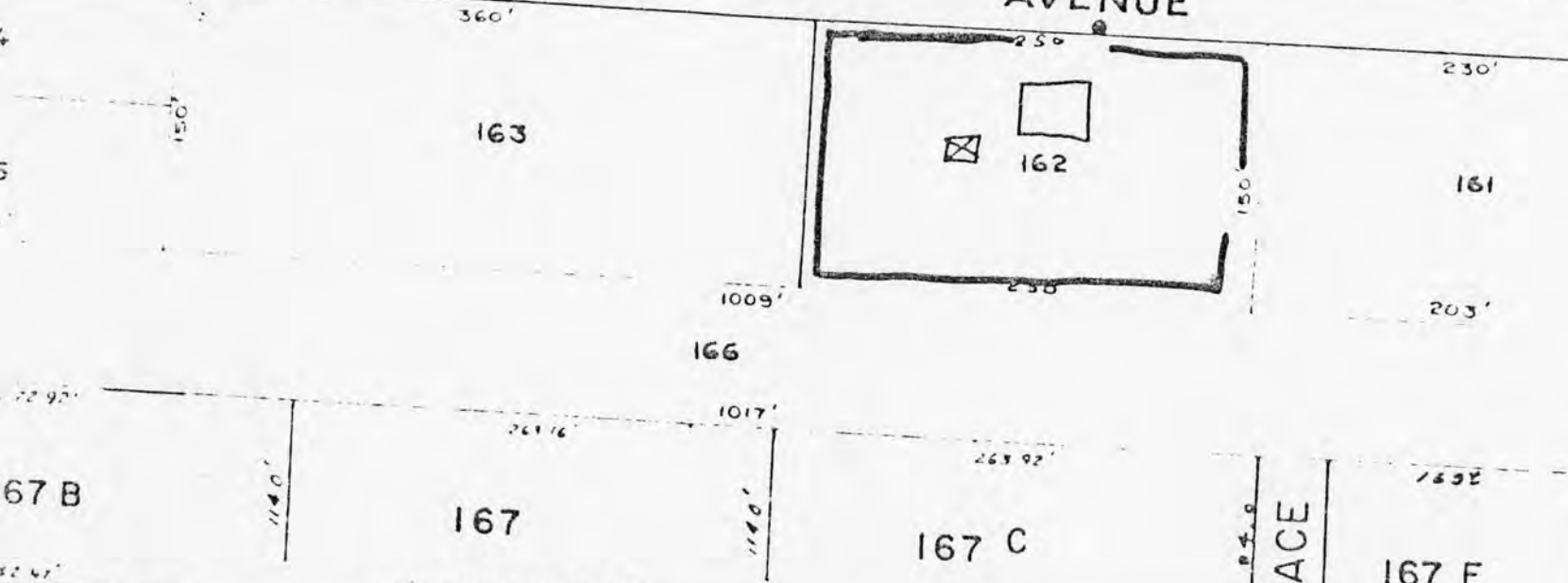
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RIVERVIEW AVENUE



KEY
□ = HOUSE
▣ = GARAGE



PROPERTY MAP
TOWN OF SWANSEA

BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS 1961 (PRIVATE)
REVISED 10/82

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

OLD TOWN, MAINE
FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES ONLY 43

SUSAN PLACE

LEE RIVER

MHC# 137
36 RIVERVIEW AVENUE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000296