

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

JAN 02 1990

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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)

Swansea, Mass. MRA
SWANSEA

Address 306 Hortonville Road

Historic Name Hooper House

Present residential

Original residential/farmstead

DESCRIPTION

ca. 1790

Source previous owner, visual analysis

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage (ca. 1920), well
house (ca. 1920), barn (late 19th cent.)

Major Alterations (with dates) _____
window sash, chimney (mid to late 19th cent)

Condition excellent

Moved no Date ---

Acreage approximately two acres

Setting Rural, residential setting;
well-traveled primary route through
town

UTM REFERENCE 19 317350 4625080

USGS QUADRANGLE Somerset, MA 1985

SCALE 1:25000

Recorded by K. Flynn, K. Valente/K. Broome

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date April 1986/November 1989

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Hooper House, 306 Hortonville Road, retains 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 Swansea's late 18th-century settlement pattern and Criterion C as an intact gambrel cape in the Federal style.

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

This 1½-story gambrel cape is a good example of typical late 18th-century farmhouse construction in Swansea. The original center chimney was replaced at an unknown date. The symmetrical five-bay facade features a recessed center entry with sidelights contained in a surround of pilasters carrying a plain entablature. Windows contain later 6/6 sash, and a secondary recessed entry on the east (street) elevation may also be a later modification.

Outbuildings include a frame, gabled, two-car garage (ca. 1920), a frame 1½-story barn with attached silo-like projection (ca. 1890), and a stone well structure on the south lawn (ca. 1890). All buildings and structures are located close to Hortonville Road, near the intersection of Wood Avenue. The extent of the property being nominated is approximately two acres of partially planted area defined by a picket fence to the south, mature trees to the west, and the roads to the east and north. The balance of the acreage is primarily woodlot.

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

Known as the Hooper House during much of its history, 306 Hortonville Road is one of the dispersed farmsteads that dotted the Swansea landscape in the late 18th century. The house is situated on the primary north-south road connecting period settlement at Gardner's Neck on Mt. Hope Bay to Hortonville and on to the town of Rehoboth.

The use of the property in the late 19th and early 20th centuries reflects a common pattern in Swansea, whereby many of the town's older working farms were given over to use as "gentleman's farms" and summer or weekend residences. The owner of this house after World War I lived in Providence, visiting Swansea on the weekends. This decrease in the number of Swansea's working farms has contributed to the town's primarily residential character.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hooper 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: 2/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000074

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT / RETURN ___ REJECT 2/16/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

see reverse

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Savyl
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

SIGNIFICANCE

Period

Please specify period of significance in light of comments below.
Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) *The descriptive/arch. information on the outbuildings seems in sync with the second paragraph of the historical significance statement; but, these do not match the National Register Criteria Statement.*

___ 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

As the property is significant as an evolutionary property as indicated in the history section, in which the outbldgs. would be considered contributing, or is it only significant as an intact 18th-century gambrel cape? In its current condition the property does not represent Swansea's 18th-century settlement pattern, but rather a late 19th-early 20th-century pattern of adaptive reuse.

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 (202) 343-9540

Signed

Betty L. Savage

Date

2/16/90

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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 RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

12. Gardner, Francis L., House

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Attest _____

13. Gardner, Joseph, House

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Attest _____

14. Gardner, Preserved, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

15. Gardner, Samuel, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

16. Hooper House

~~Substantive Review~~Sr Keeper Beth L. Sarge 8/8/90

Attest _____

17. Hortonville Historic District

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

18. Johnson, J. V., House

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19. Luther House

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Attest _____

20. Luther's Corner

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STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Bristol

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DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/09/90
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REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000074

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/8/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant gambrel cape residence adapted as "gentleman's farm" in early 20th century. Initial return comments have been addressed.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 8/8/90

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

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___count ___resource type

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Signed _____ Date _____



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Swansea, MA.

Hooper House (MHC #42)
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Swansea, Mass. MRA

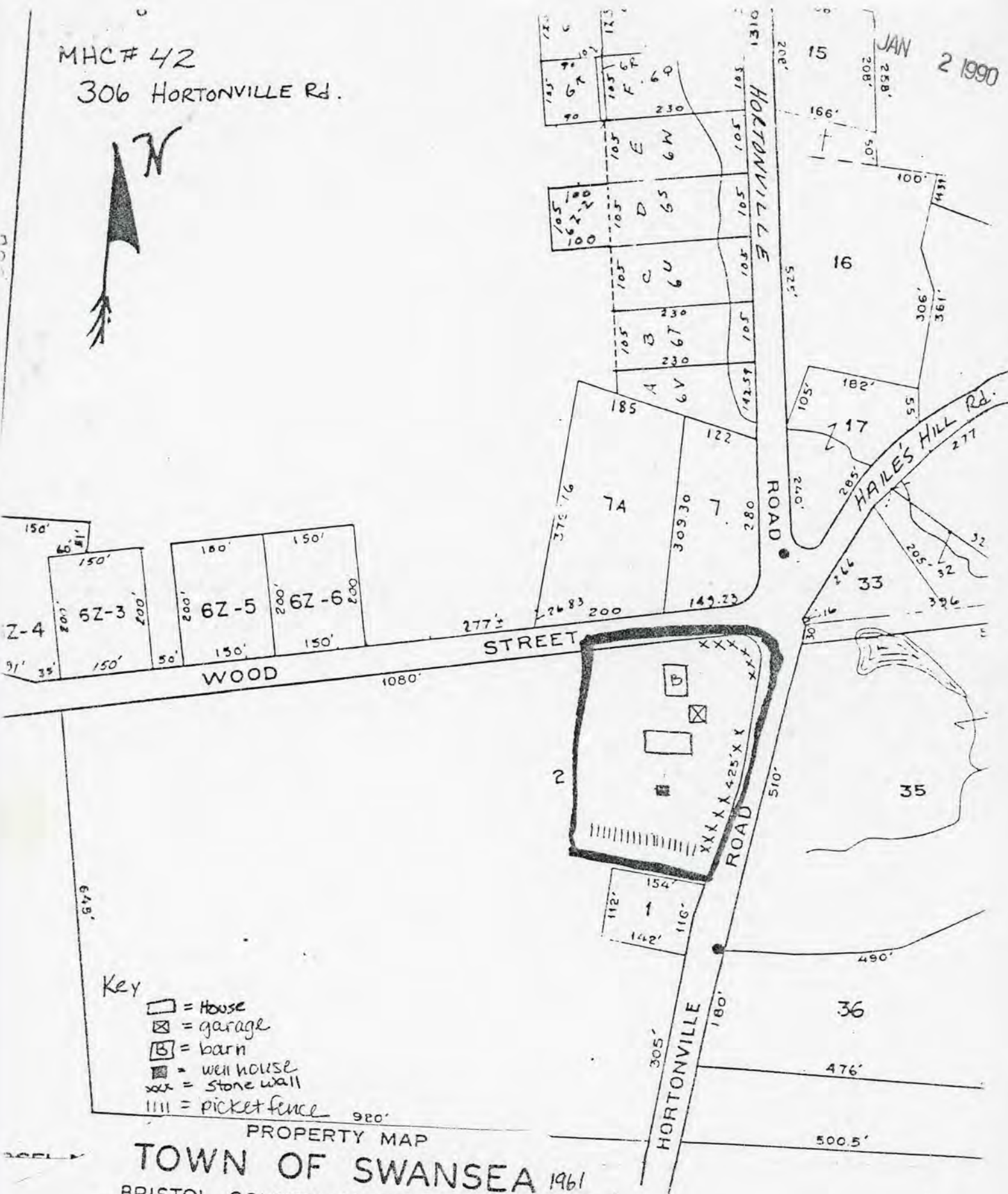
1986

View NW

MHC# 42
306 HORTONVILLE RD.



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- Key
- = House
 - = garage
 - = barn
 - = well house
 - = stone wall
 - = picket fence

PROPERTY MAP
TOWN OF SWANSEA 1961
BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS Revised 10/82
AMES W. SEWALL COMPANY
SCALE 1 INCH = 200 ± FEET
OLD TOWN, MAINE
FOR ADDRESSING PURPOSES ONLY 16

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000296