

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.111
Historic Name:	Luin, John House
Common Name:	Spooner House
Address:	24 Cedar Ave
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Touisset;
Local No:	28;
Year Constructed:	C 1740
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Parsonage; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Religion;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Wall: Asbestos Shingle;
Demolished	No



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AREA	FORM NO.
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Town SWANSEA
Address 24 Cedar Avenue
Historic Name Luin House /
" Spooner House "
Use: Present Residence - three family
Original Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1740
Source Eddy Family in America, 1950
Registry of Deeds, Fall River
Style Dutch Colonial
Architect Unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric Asbestos Shingles
Siding
Outbuildings gazebo

Major Alterations (with dates) Addition
on North c. 1863

Condition Probably well protected under
the asbestos shingles, this is in
fair condition.

Moved No Date _____

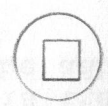
Acreage Over one acre - 3.75

Setting Located on a secondary trans-
portation route with little setback
from the street, the area is "rural
going suburban."

Recorded by Kay Flynn/R.M.Doodson '78

Date February, 1986

Indicate north



CEDAR LANE

PEARSE RD.

MAPLE AVE



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA., -R.I. AMS 6767
N.W.-Series V8 (1967/79)

SCALE _____

Organization Swansea Historical
Commission

SWN.111

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

One of a few Dutch Colonial structures in Swansea, located near an early 19th century node - Swansea Center/ Luther's Corner. Built ca. 1740, this Dutch Colonial features the typical characteristics - 1½ - story gambrel with no eave overhang on the gable ends, central stone chimney. The original structure is the southern section. It would be interesting to note what is under the asbestos,

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

John Luin, probably of Dutch descent, is the documented first owner and possible builder of this house. There was no Luin history found. The significance lies in the fact that this structure was part of the Swansea Center/ Luther's Corner Village node and this house is representative of what the middle class merchants, seamen and farmers were building. It is interesting to note that in 1850 it was a Parsonage for the Christian Congregational Church; by 1871 it was a farmhouse; and a residence in 1924. It is now a multiple family unit.

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Swansea town hall - assessor's records
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

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Form no.

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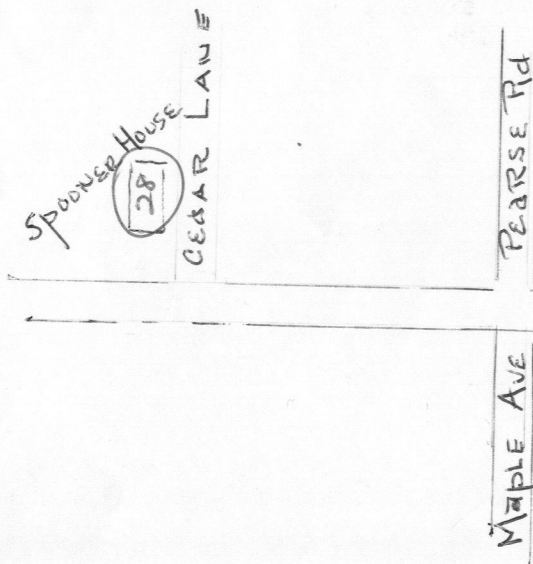
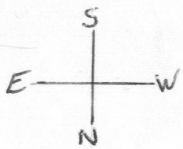
esent use residence - two family

esent owner Sylvia K. Ross
Everett C. & Kingsley R. Ross

scription:

te c. 1740
Eddy Family in America, 1930
Source Registry of Deeds, Fall River
Two story gable - central
le chimney, gambrel roof, "Dutch Colonial"

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle siding

shed - crib

Outbuildings (describe) gazebo

Other features enclosed entry, right

side of front; addition left side

with smaller chimney

Altered addition on N. Date c. 1863

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre 5.75

Approximate frontage 200 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

10 feet

6. Recorded by Ruth M. Doodson

Organization Swansea Historical Society

Date 9/15/78

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Luin

Original use Farm house and land

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Parsonage for Christian Cong. Church, 1850
Farm house, 1871; Residence, 1924.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built for John Luin, this colonial house reflects the architecture of the 18th century, a two story gable farm house with central chimney. Over the years it is interesting to note that the residence was shelter for those who tilled the soil and those who spread the gospel.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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