Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System
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Inventory No:	SWN.46
Historic Name:	Case, Joseph High School
Common Name:	
Address:	Main St
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1927
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival;
Architect(s):	Ritchie, James H.;
Use(s):	Public School;
Significance:	Architecture; Education;
Area(s):	SWN.D
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990);
Building Materials:	Wall: Brick; Granite;
Demolished	No

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FORM B - BUILDING

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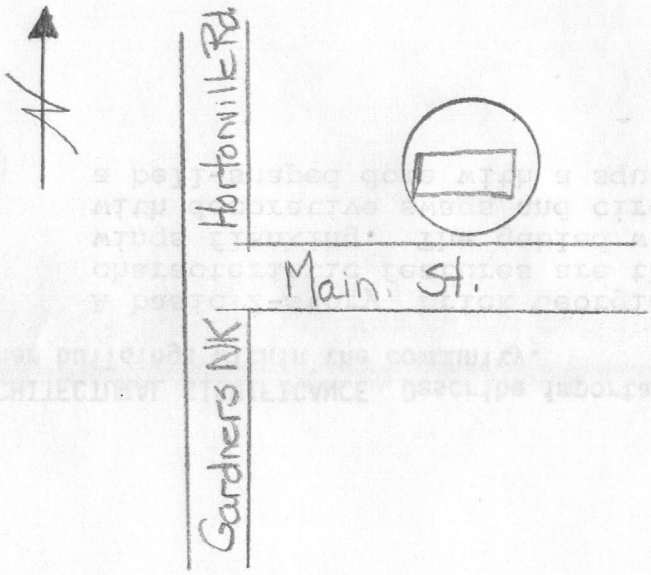
Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE Fall River, MA., R.I. 1967/79

SCALE _____

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dress Main Street

storic Name Joseph Case High School

e: Present Jr. High School

Original Sr. High School

SCRIPTION

te 1927

urce Assessors Records/Tercentenary

yle Georgian Revival

Architect James H. Ritchie

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

East Wings

Condition Excellent

Moved No Date _____

Acreage Over one acre

Setting Located near the inter-section of Hortonvilleand Gardner Nk. Rd. in the "village", a residential area.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/Kim Valente

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date May, 1986

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NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

A basic 2-story, brick Georgian Revival institutional structure whose characteristic features are the four-bay long rectangular massing with wings flanking. The gabled wings have granite quoins and dentils along with decorative swags and circular windows. The school is topped with a bell-shaped dome with a square cupola.

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

The basic history of the school buildings in Swansea culminates in the high schools. The Joseph Case High School was a gift in 1927 from Mrs. Frank S. Stevens and was built on Main Street in the Village. This was an illustration of the growth of the town at that time. By 1900 transportation was improving and more students going to high school, some in Warren and some in Fall River. The town paid $25 tuition per student and by 1904 they paid $1,350 for 27 students. After W.W.I the demand was great enough to build the school. The structure became a Jr. High in . A new high school was built in on School Street.

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