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Inventory No: NFL.31

Historic Name: Swan, Mary Gay House

**Common Name:** 

Address: 88 Main St

City/Town: Northfield
Village/Neighborhood: Northfield;

**Local No:** 

Year Constructed: C 1807
Architectural Style(s): Federal;

**Use(s):** Other Religious; Other Residential; Single Family Dwelling House;

**Significance:** Archaeology, Historic; Architecture;

Area(s): NFL.A, NFL.C

**Designation(s):** Nat'l Register District (07/08/1982);

Building Materials: Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle;

**Demolished** Yes



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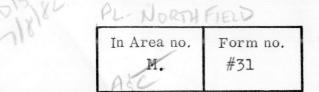
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## FORM B - BUILDING

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Swan- Renaissance Community

Northfield

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in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north. Exterior wall fabric Stained shingles

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ox the 1970's	i benwe, ommune, owned it ed its organisation it	Other features Pedimented frontispiec pitch roof, once steep gable in front, dormers added	е,
X omes lived her	une 1976. articles re Morthfjeld a	John Phelps author of many	
≪ ×	MAIN ST	Altered 20r 3 times Date Extensive work in 1855 by Linsley Moved Date	
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6.	Recorded by	Rosa Johnston			
	Organization	Fortnightly			
	Date	May 1976			

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		Office of the Secretary, State House, Bo
7. Original owner (if known) Rev	Eben Gay built it	for his daughter Mary Swan
	of Timothy Swan	
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Subsequent uses (if any) and da	ites First Youth Hos	tel, Hdqtrs Brotherhood of the
8. Themes (check as many as app	Spirit, Communit	y living for Renaissance Church
Aboriginal	Conservation	Recreation
Agricultural	Education	Religion * State Holland
Architectural	* Exploration/	Science/ G redumin orong
The Arts	settlement _	invention
Commerce Communication	Industry Military >	Social/ humanitarian *
Community development	Political	Transportation
c. 1807	ster 8 %	7
9. Historical significance (include	e explanation of themes	checked above)
This was lot #13 San	nuel Davis lot. It	was owned by Solomon Vose before
ne left town. Both Hist o	of Nild and Puritar	n Outnost say Ray Ehonogen Corr
noet and first librarian	of the Social Tibe	d Timothy Swan was a song writer
his hymn tunes while livi	ng in Suffield Co.	rary. Swan published some of nn. His first song "Montague"
was written while he firs	t lived in Northf	ield and before he went to Conn.
unaries A. Linsley a sour	thern hotel owner	enlarged and remodeled the house
extensively in the 1800.	S.	
It became the first	Youth Hostel in th	he 1930's.
and when that amonization	the Spirit, a comm	mune, owned it is the 1970's
of the Renaissance China	on changed its organization T+ or	anization it became the property ontinued as a community living
center.	1. 1007	oncinage as a community living
it was sold at anoti	on on June 1076	
John Phelps author o	f many articles re	Northfield homes lived here.
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Known Owners:		
Samuel Davis lot	#13	X4
1713 Thomas Baker sell	s to Hezikiah Stra	atton - four fifths
		atton - one fifth
Land divided on death of		
1794 S part held by Caleb	Stratton and sist	ter
N part held by Eleaz 1794 Eleazer sold to Sobo		
1807 Rev Ebenezer Gay bot		and Timothy Guan
buildings there-on	101 daughter hary	and limoury Swan
10. Bibliography and/or reference	s (such as local historie	es, deeds, assessor's records,
early maps, etc.) +2 08		
History of Nfld-Temple an	d Sheldon	Man ID
Puriton Outpost-H. Parsons	19020321140	Map ID
Reminices- Munsell		on 1858 map as W.L.Fay on 1971 map as A.S.Stratton
Fac.Reg. of Deeds Bk 136		Ass.Rec. Map 23A-B-6
Timothy Swan Memorial Pro	gram 1976	
Greenfield Recorder Gazet	te	

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Known Owners: cont.
1843 After Swans death sold to Benjamin Murdock
1875 Winsor L Fay
1885 Charles A. Linsley
John Phelps to stepdaughter
Mrs. L.V.Joslin
Grace Virginia Sankey
1930's Youth Hostel
Robert Sinclair
Brotherhood of the Spirit
Renaissance Community

History continued: In Hune 1976 Brannon Russell of the Renaissance Community brought to the Selectmen in the Town Hall \*\*

Study to continue in the fall with the new owners, once this is established.