

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: **Onslow**

SSN: **ON0985**

Blockface#:

Quad: Swansboro PIN: 536411561825 X: -77.1199 Y: 34.68834 DOT Project #: OSA#:

Update Mo: **03** Yr: **2022**

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Property Name: Jonathan Green House Street or 911 Address: 114 Elm Street North side Location Description: Town/vicinity: Swansboro District: Swansboro Historic District (NR District) Contributing Building District Dates: NRdate: 3/16/1990 SLdate: 7/21/1988 DOEdat: Local District: Swansboro Local Historic District - ON0992

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Principal Resource Material Integrity: **Medium** Condition: **Good** Location Integrity: **Original**

Architectural Data: Date: 1770-1780 Major Style Group: Traditional/Vernacular Construction: Timber Frame Ext. Material: Unknown Later Covering: Asbestos Height: 1 1/2-story Roof: Side gable Plan: No int access Form/Type (Domestic): Coastal cottage Arch., Builder, or Design Source: Not specified
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Major Theme Architecture Sec Theme: Exploration/Settlement Group Association: Religious Affiliation: Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling
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Narrative Summary:

[1990 National Register nomination] Jonathan Green House; three-bay coastal plain cottage with hall-parlor plan, rear shed rooms and engaged front porch. The house has ballast stone foundation piers, chimneys with paved shoulder dormers (possibly late nineteenth century), interior with a fine Federal mantel and an enclosed stair. The documentary evidence is confusing as to the early owners of the lot upon which this house was built, but Jonathan Green, son of Swansboro's earliest settler, may have owned the lot in the 1770s and is a likely candidate for the house's builder. Another possibility is Colonel Reuben Grant, who owned the lot at the end of the eighteenth century, the period when the house probably received its interior detailing.

[2022 Survey Update] One of the two oldest extant houses in Swansboro, and among the oldest in Onslow County, the Jonathan Green House occupies a grassy lot on the northwest side of Elm Street near the west corner of Elm and Main Streets. It sits at the back of the lot, away from Elm Street with a deep front yard. The expansive side yard to the northeast is a separate parcel in the same ownership. The corner parcel is surrounded on the northeast and southeast sides by a low brick retaining wall that abuts the sidewalk along Main Street, with a short set of three inset steps that lead to the yard. A wider break in the retaining wall along Main Street, near the north corner of the property, provides access to the irregular, graveled driveway that extends southwest into the property. In front of the dwelling, and lining the southeast side of its parcel, the retaining wall is approximately two feet tall and built of mortared, uncoursed rubble stone, with a set of five poured concrete steps that are inset into the yard with stone side walls. A narrow margin of grass lies outside the retaining wall and extends to the edge-of-pavement along Elm Street.

The 1989-1990 NRHP nomination for the Swansboro Historic District states that the Jonathan Green House is a "three-bay coastal plain cottage with hall-parlor plan, rear shed rooms, and engaged front porch. However, the survey file documentation for the property suggests that it has or had a center hall plan with one of the walls removed. Because the interior was not accessed at the time of the survey, and because the existing documentation on the property appears to be conflicting, this drop-down field was not definitively populated in the database record. The house has ballast stone foundation piers, chimneys with paved shoulders, dormers (possibly late nineteenth century), interior with a fine Federal mantel and an enclosed stair. The documentary evidence is confusing as to the early owners of the lot upon which this house was built, but Jonathan Green, son of Swansboro's earliest settler, may have owned the lot in the 1770s and is a likely candidate to be the houses' builder. Another possibility is Colonel Reuben Grant, who owned the lot at the end of the eighteenth century, the period when the house probably received its interior detailing."

Various construction dates attributed to the property include 1770 (per tax records) and circa 1774 (per the HPO survey file). This late-eighteenth-century dwelling is one-and-a-half stories tall on an English basement. It faces southeast toward Elm Street. It retains its overall form and the materials present when it was surveyed in 1988 and 2000. The wood-frame structural system is sheathed in asbestos shingles, and the side-gabled roof is covered in standing-seam metal. Tuscan columns, spanned by a low wood railing with square balusters and a square-edged handrail, support the roof of the inset porch. The gable-end chimneys have stone bases and freestanding flues.

When first photographed in 1976, the area below the left, or south, half of the porch was filled in with windows on the southeast edge and a door flanked by windows on the southwest side. This infill material was removed between 2000, when it was last surveyed, and April 2019, the date of the Google Street View (GSV) imagery. Today, the area below the porch is open between the tall brick piers. The foundation below the porch has a single-leaf door and a pair of double-hung, six-over-six vinyl windows in the left half of the dwelling. Two pairs of double-hung, six-over-six vinyl windows with shared wood surrounds and sills flank the central entrance, which holds a single-leaf door whose material and design could not be determined at the time of the survey. The two dormer windows are evenly spaced across the half story and feature gabled roofs, shaped bargeboards, sawtooth shingles in the gable ends, and what appear to be double-hung, six-over-six wood windows. The dormers appear to be sheathed in wood singles or weatherboard. Two double-hung, six-over-six vinyl windows flank the chimney on the first story and in the half story above on the northeast elevation. A double-hung, six-over-six vinyl window is within the stuccoed infill between the stone foundation piers near the front of the house. Windows on the southwest elevation in the foundation and on the first and second stories contain double-hung, six-over-six vinyl sash. The northwest elevation was obscured by outbuildings and surrounding vegetation and was not visible at the time of the survey.

Outbuildings/Features

FeatureType	Construction	CircaDate	Condition	Contrib
Fence/wall	Loadb. Masonry	1770	Good	
Garage	Light Frame	1950	Good	N

A rubblestone retaining wall spans the front of the parcel along Elm Street, while the retaining wall along main street is brick.

Near the west corner of the house is a one-story, one-bay-wide garage of wood-frame construction sheathed in the same asbestos shingles as the dwelling. It has a poured or parged concrete foundation and front-gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. It faces southeast toward Elm Street with a double-leaf, vertical-board wood door.

Garage/apartment

Light Frame

1950

Good

N

Sited north of an in close proximity to the Jonathan Green House is a two-story outbuilding that dates to circa 1950. It houses a garage on the first story and an apartment on the second floor. The wood-framed building is covered in the same asbestos shingles as the house and has a poured or parged concrete foundation and a front-gabled roof clad in standing-seam metal. The front of the garage, which faces southeast toward Elm Street, is filled by a roll-up door, with a double-hung, six-over-six window (material unknown) in the second story. Two double-hung, six-over-six windows (material unknown) pierce the second story of the garage on the northeast elevation, while the first story is blank. A two-story, side-gabled extension of the garage projects to the southwest. It was not clearly visible during the survey.

Actions

Year	Month	Surveyor	Action/Report
2022	03	Turco, Ellen (RGA)	Swansboro NRHD update

Swansboro, Onslow County
2022 Survey Update
Aerial Map 3



Legend:

- ▲ Architectural Resource
- Architectural Resource (Demolished/Removed)
- ▬ Parcel Boundary

Scale: 0 to 65 Feet

North Arrow

- ON1005
- ON1010
- ON1011
- ON0842
- ON0839
- ON0915
- ON0914
- ON0930
- ON0928
- ON0848
- ON0918
- ON0900
- ON0873
- ON0872
- ON0859
- ON0907
- ON0869
- ON0813
- ON0985
- ON0904
- ON0973
- ON1127
- ON0835
- ON0843
- ON1004

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