

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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**Inventory No:** WTI.130  
**Historic Name:** Ferguson, John Jr. Inn - Luce, Asa House  
**Common Name:** Seven Gates Farm  
**Address:** 301 North Rd

**City/Town:** West Tisbury  
**Village/Neighborhood:**  
**Local No:** 23-10;  
**Year Constructed:** C 1750  
**Architectural Style(s):** Colonial;  
**Use(s):** Agricultural; General Retail Store; Hotel or Inn; Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House;  
**Significance:** Agriculture; Architecture; Commerce; Recreation;  
**Area(s):** WTI.C  
**Designation(s):**  
**Building Materials:** Roof: Asphalt Shingle;  
Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle;  
Foundation: Granite; Stone, Uncut;  
**Demolished** No



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AREA

FORM NO.

23-10

Town West Tisbury

Address North Road

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present Residential

Original Same

DESCRIPTION

Date 18th century

Source architectural style

Style Full Cape Cod Colonial

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings Barn

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

rear addition, side deck, front windows

Condition good

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 20 A

Setting house sits back from the

road on a large open lot with

extensive stone walls and terracing

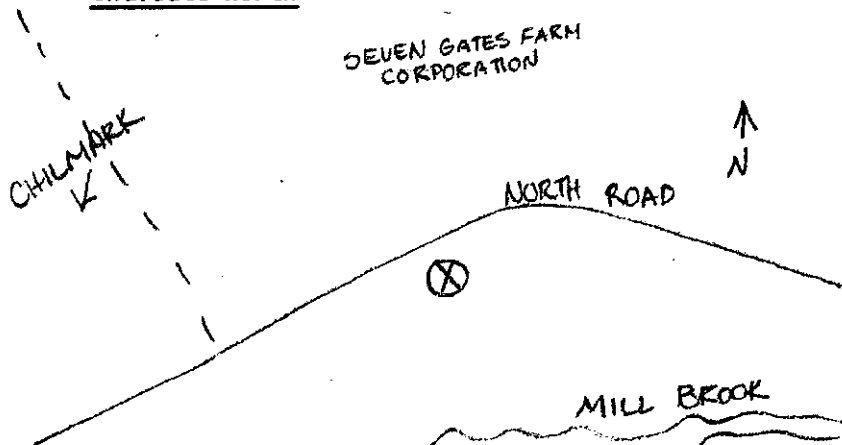
surrounded by pasture

Recorded by Jill Bouck, R.L. Burt,  
Leonard Athearn

Organization WTHC

Date 4/17/86

geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

USGS QUADRANGLE \_\_\_\_\_

SCALE \_\_\_\_\_



location /or

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

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

This house is a fine example of an 18th-century Full Cape, so common in West Tisbury and on the Island.

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

This house is known to have been used as a store and possibly an inn operated by John Ferguson Jr. who owned the property in 1858.

Subsequent owners were Asa Luce and then his son Eddy Luce. The house is now part of 7 Gates Farm.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Leonard Athearn Family Notes

Henry F. Walling Map of Martha's Vineyard, 1858.



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

WEST TISBURY

301 North Road

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Addendum prepared by PAL, September 2009

**Property Name:** Ferguson, John Jr. Inn -- Luce, Asa House  
**Map-Lot:** 23-10

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

There have been no significant changes to the property since the most recent inventory form was submitted.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

See Form A for WTIC.

## Photographs



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