

26 Bullard Street



James Hill House

Form No.	3
Town	Sherborn
Address	26 Bullard Street
Historic Name	James Hill House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence - N. Harrington
Ownership, 1981	Miriam L Bliss
" Original	James Hill
Constructed	ca. 1760
Source	Genealogically deduced from Morse History of Sherborn
Style/Form	18th and early 19th century frame
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	Enlarged ca. 1835
Moved	No
Acreage	81.75 acres
Setting:	Located in the middle of South Central Sherborn's open farmlands.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1760, this center chimney farmhouse was enlarged in ca. 1835. At that time a handsome Greek Revival entrance was added to its five bay main facade. Of a rectangular plan, it rises 2 " stories to a gable roof. It presently serves as a caretaker's house--the main house on the estate, a 20th century colonial Revival, is located to the east of this dwelling.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The first owners of this house were James and Grace Jones Hill. They were married in 1758 and their son Samuel, was born in June, 1763. He married Mary Partridge in 1791 and inherited the old homestead. By the 1830s Samuel's son Charles (born Sept, 1796) owned the property. In the 1880s a family named Richards owned the property. The Richards children, Augustin and Esther, attended the South School and Sawin Academy. He was a law partner of the American statesman and jurist Charles Evans Hughes and he became a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. This house is situated in the first area of 17th century settlement and is in an area known by the Indian name of Boggestow.

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