

63 Bullard Street



The Alpheus Ware or The Mary Lizzie Ware House

Form No.	4
Town	Sherborn
Address	63 Bullard Street
Historic Name	Alpheus Ware or The Mary Lizzie Ware House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Dr. John Constable
" Original	Alpheus Ware
Constructed	1800
Source	Morse's History of Sherborn
Style/Form	Federal
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Barn
Alterations	Greatly remodeled by a Mr. Cunningham in 192?, Wing added to rear of main block.
Moved	No
Acreage	125.00 acres
Setting:	Situated in the heart of a large estate - set far back from Bullard St. on wooded land which slopes down to the Charles River.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Alpheus Ware House is one of Sherborn's "hidden houses" - it is set back a considerable distance from Bullard St. on land which slopes down to the western banks of the Charles River. It is composed of a two story main block (hip roof) and rear wing. Its 5 bay main facade features a handsome entrance - its front door is enframed by Doric pilasters, entablature and dentillated cornice. Its front rooms possess fine Federal mantles and paneling. Its rear wing dates to the 1920's.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located on the eastern part of the old Breck Farm in the heart of historic southeast Sherborn - near the old Bullard Fort site and first area of English settlement. In the 17th century southeast Sherborn and parts of Medfield were known as Boggestow. By the 1800, the year this house was built, this area contained Several large farms (e.g. the Hill farm to the northwest). Its first owners, Alpheus and Polly Sanger Ware (daughter of Asa Sanger and 1st cousin of Col. Calvin Sanger) were married in 1798. Their fourth child, John (born 1805) inherited this property. His daughter Mary Lizzie Ware, born 1840, never married and lived here until her death ca. 1920 This house was greatly remodeled by a Mr. Cunningham after Mary Lizzie's death.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



Alpheus Ware or The Mary Lizzie Ware House (date unknown)