

1 Coolidge Street



The Andrew Jackson Church House

Form No.	6
Town	Sherborn
Address	1 Coolidge Street
Historic Name	Andrew Jackson Church House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Kenneth Scott
" Original	Andrew Jackson Church
Constructed	1851
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Greek Revival
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboards
Outbuildings	Barn
Alterations	South wing added in 1960's
Moved	No
Acreage	.50 acres
Setting:	Part of a cluster of Greek Revival houses located at the intersection of North Main Street and Coolidge Street known as Dowse's Corner.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This residence is one of six Greek Revival houses situated around or near Dowse's Corner. Its main block, with its 3 bay main facade, Doric cornerboards, and fascia boards, is unmistakably Greek Revival. Narrow round arch attic windows strike an Italianate note. Originally its front door probably displayed narrow multi-pane sidelights and a rectangular transom. Its windows are simply enframed. The main block's 2 story south Wing was added in the 1960's.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house has historical associations with Andrew Jackson Church, who invented "a very successful carriage wheel jack". "Jack" Church bought the land from Ben Dowse, who lived at 91 North Main Street and built this house in 1851. Jack Church, and later his son Waldo, worked at Dowse's Shoe Factory, where Jack was supervisor of the stitching room. Jack's children Waldo and Charlie lived here until their deaths (Charlie in the 1920's and Waldo in the 1930's)

This house reflects the prosperity of Sherborn and Dowses Corner in particular during the mid-19th century. From the late 18th century to just after the Civil War, the makers of whips, shoes, tools, coffins, cider, etc, flourished in this neighborhood.

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