

7 Curve Street



Shillaber Help House, May 1999

Form No. 202

Town Sherborn
Address 7 Curve Street
Assessor's # 2/143
USGS Quad Medfield

Historic Name Shillaber Help House

Uses: Present Residence
Original Residence

Constructed ca. 1906

Source Assessor's information
Style/Form Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:
Foundation Undetermined
Wall/Trim Wood clapboard; wood shingle
Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings

Alterations

Condition Good
Moved No

Acreage 2 acres
Setting Rural
Film Roll/Negative Roll 13
Recorded by Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The house at 7 Curve Street is a side-gambrel, two-story form with full-width shed dormers on the front and rear slopes of the roof. A one-story ell enlarges the south side and a one-story enclosed porch is attached to the north. The five-bay facade is articulated at the center entry by a gabled entry porch. Brick chimneys rise from the center and the south end wall. Decorative trim includes exposed rafter ends and Doric columns in the porch, beaded window trim and wall cladding that varies from wood clapboard to square-butt wood shingles. The gambrel roof lends a Dutch Colonial Revival sensibility to the design. Windows are 6/1 double-hung sash except the porch which has fanlights above single pane casement sash. The center entry is plainly trimmed. The house is well maintained and is similar in design to **28 North Main Street****.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Seven Curve Street was built around 1906 when it was owned by Shillaber of 137 Western Ave., as a house for his help. It remained with that property until divided off and sold in 1940. The yard abutted pasture in 1939 according to WPA maps from that year. A small orchard was nearby to the south at that time. Owners during the second half of the 20th century were a family named Tekut in the 1940s, Charh and Chuckie Blaney, 1961-66, and Douglas and Sally Brodie from 1966 to the present.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

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