

29 Eliot Street



Old Carriage Shop

Form No.	15
Town	Sherborn
Address	29 Eliot Street
Historic Name	"Old Carriage Shop"
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Debbie and Tad DeMarco
" Original	Undetermined
Constructed	ca. 1820 - 1830
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	19th century utilitarian
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Aluminum siding
Outbuildings	Barn
Alterations	Southern ell added ca. 1880's or 90's, doors cut into 2nd floor at undetermined date.
Moved	No
Acreage	less than one acre
Setting:	Situated approx. 6 feet below Eliot Street's grade - faces driveway and fieldstone wall. Well maintained grounds to rear of house.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although swathed in aluminum siding, 29 Eliot St. is of interest as an early 19th century shop which has been converted into a residence. Its 2 1/2 story carriage shop portion is attached to a south wing - judging by the wing's interior wainscoting it dates to ca. 1890 - 1900. The old carriage shop's main facade features a wide garage door and tall second floor doors which once opened onto a ramp. Unfortunately its original clapboards are faced with synthetic siding.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This structure's exact construction date is difficult to determine. It is said to predate Eliot St. which was laid out ca. 1830. The northern portion of this building faced on Obed Lane and included a carriage shop. The wheels for these carriages were made next door by Jeremiah Butler. After Eliot St. was put in a door was cut into the second floor of the carriage shop and a ramp was extended out to the new street. Charles Duross also housed a paint shop in this structure. By the 1890's it was used as a summer home by Duross' heirs. Anne C. Shaughnessy notes that by the turn of the century a number of Sherborn houses were occupied by city people as summer places. This structure was "restored" in the 1940's by Dr. Dauley. (The house had been more or less vacant for many years).

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