

# 91 Eliot Street



*Historic Name Undetermined*

<b>Form No.</b>	16
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	91 Eliot Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Undetermined
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Thomas N. and Kathleen A. Dineen
<b>" Original</b>	Undetermined
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1830
<b>Source</b>	J. Shepardson, realtor
<b>Style/Form</b>	Modified Cape
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Garage
<b>Alterations</b>	Roof raised, house enlarged in 1946.
<b>Moved</b>	Probably
<b>Acreage</b>	Less than one acre
<b>Setting:</b>	Located close to road in wooded region.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, August 1981.

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Originally a 1 1/2 story Cape its roof was raised in 1946 to accommodate additional attic space. Situated on a granite block foundation, its 3 bay main facade features a front door flanked by narrow multi-paned sidelights and crowned by a simple horizontal board. Married to its ca. 1830 ground floor is an overhanging attic with wall dormers which was added in 1946.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

One of Sherborn's assessors calls this house "The Gate House". According to a member of So. Natick's Historical Commission there was a house which was moved from the V formed by Everett St. and Eliot St. (Rte. 16). It supposedly traveled a short way down Rte. 16. A house at that location in So. Natick the map of 1889 is labeled "Perry".

C. A. Dowse, Sr. once told a previous owner that this house "was moved from So. Natick". Although he did not say when, possibly it was moved by Henry Channing who owned this structure in the early 1900's. Joseph Blanchard, lifetime resident of Sherborn, recalls that "a barn burned" and that this house was "rented out to farm workers". Mr. Channing owned a large farm at 177 Farm Rd.

Barbara Breer, a former owner, says this property was known as the Martin Place and at one time housed cottage industries: a shoe factory and possibly a doll factory, since parts of dolls were dug up when another former owner put in a swimming pool.

Bill Thornton, a furniture refinisher, lived here when he was married to Liz Leland, daughter of Bob Leland (of 12 Washington St.) who was Town Counsel for many years. The house was then sold to a member of the Scotbold family of Ice Follies fame who in turn sold to Bill and Barbara Breer in 1961. They sold in 1968 and this house passed through 3 owners before the current owners purchased it in 1979.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- Telephone interviews with: Barbara Breer, Joan T. Pease, Jeanne Shepardson and Mrs. Walter Peinze of South Natick
- Joseph Blanchard's reminiscences
- Map of 1889

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



*Another view (date unknown)*