

# 2 Everett Street



*Edward Ryan House, November 1998*

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| <b>Form No.</b>           | 204                             |
| <b>Town</b>               | Sherborn                        |
| <b>Address</b>            | 2 Everett Street                |
| <b>Assessor's #</b>       | 10/69                           |
| <b>USGS Quad</b>          | Framingham                      |
| <b>Historic Name</b>      | Edward Ryan House               |
| <b>Uses: Present</b>      | Residence                       |
| <b>Original</b>           | Residence                       |
| <b>Constructed</b>        | ca. 1955                        |
| <b>Source</b>             | Assessor's information          |
| <b>Style/Form</b>         | Ranch                           |
| <b>Architect/Builder</b>  |                                 |
| <b>Exterior Material:</b> |                                 |
| <b>Foundation</b>         | Concrete                        |
| <b>Wall/Trim</b>          | Brick; vertical flushboard      |
| <b>Roof</b>               |                                 |
| <b>Outbuildings</b>       | Swimming pool.                  |
| <b>Alterations</b>        |                                 |
| <b>Condition</b>          | Good                            |
| <b>Moved</b>              | No                              |
| <b>Acreage</b>            | 1.03 acres                      |
| <b>Setting</b>            | In town center on state highway |
| <b>Film Roll/Negative</b> | Roll 5                          |
| <b>Recorded by</b>        | Sanford Johnson, May 1999       |

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Two Everett Street is a very low, one-story Ranch Style residence with a flat roof, deep eave and single pane casement windows. A two-bay garage is attached at the east (left) side of the wood-framed house. Exterior materials are a mix of brick and vertical flushboard. The principal entry is through a central flushboard section of the facade with a secondary recessed entry through a brick portion. The overall elevation is quite low which exaggerates the ranch style aspects of the design. A picket fence separates the building from the intersection of Everett and busy North Main Streets. This is one of several well-maintained ranches built during the 1950s in Sherborn. Others are at **46 Prospect Street\*\*** and **19 Western Avenue\*\***.

## **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

The Ranch style residence at 2 Everett Street was built around 1955 for Edward Ryan according to information in the office of the assessor. Mr. Ryan was a WW II veteran with battle injuries that made him a paraplegic. The doorways, shower, ramps and original swimming pool were specially designed to accommodate his wheelchair. The swimming pool has since been replaced. The existing fence was added by the subsequent owners, the Parsons, neighbors to the north.

The 1950s were a period of rapid suburbanization in the town as well as the entire region. Sherborn had implemented zoning bylaws in the 1930s, a time when people were beginning to realize the value of semi-rural land that was located within easy driving distance of employment centers. From Sherborn, residents could drive quickly to work in Boston, Medfield, Ashland and Framingham, among many other semi-urban communities

As rural small towns and farming in general became less common, Ranch style homes began to occupy land formally used for agriculture. Land on which 2 Everett Street is built was in use as pasture as recently as 1939. The Ranch style house was promoted across the country as a convenient, efficient residence requiring less interior cleaning and less exterior refinishing, all with the advantage of built-in, easy-to-use features like appliances and furniture.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
- Conversation with Betsy Johnson 12/98.
- Tax valuations.
- Notes of owner, William Parsons.