

28 Everett Street



Weatherbee Chamberlain House

Form No.	17
Town	Sherborn
Address	28 Everett Street
Historic Name	Weatherbee Chamberlain House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	David Blair, George Ryan
" Original	Weatherbee Chamberlain
Constructed	ca. 1835-40, lumber from 18th century house
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	Early 19th century frame vernacular
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Shingle
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	
Moved	No
Acreage	Less than one acre
Setting:	Located on one of Sherborn's more densely settled streets to rear of house are lowlands which are part of an "open space reservation".
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house's plan, volume and distinctive profile represent an unusual departure from the Greek Revival temple-like house popular ca. 1835 - 1860. The only 'other house in Sherborn which echoes this building type is 32-34 North Main Street. 28 Everett St's northern gable features recessed corner 1 entrance porches and rises 2 1/2 stories to a steeply pitched roof. It has a false entrance door at the northwest corner which is symmetrical with the true door at the northeast corner.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Everett Street was originally part of the Post Road and was known as the road to South Natick. It was named for the town's first physician, Dr. Oliver Everett who came to Sherborn in 1825.

Eleazer Dowse settled on 28 Everett St's land in 1775 after he and his family escaped the Red Coats' burning of Charlestown. The leather dressing Dowses used the boggy lowlands to the east for the digging of pits in which to soak hides. The Dowse's original house was torn down and its lumber and doors were recycled to build the house currently on this site. Weatherbee Chamberlain was its first owner.

By 1875 an H. G. Smith lived in this house. His son Edgar Smith was the town photographer from the 1890's into the 1920's. He had a small studio building to the left of the driveway.

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