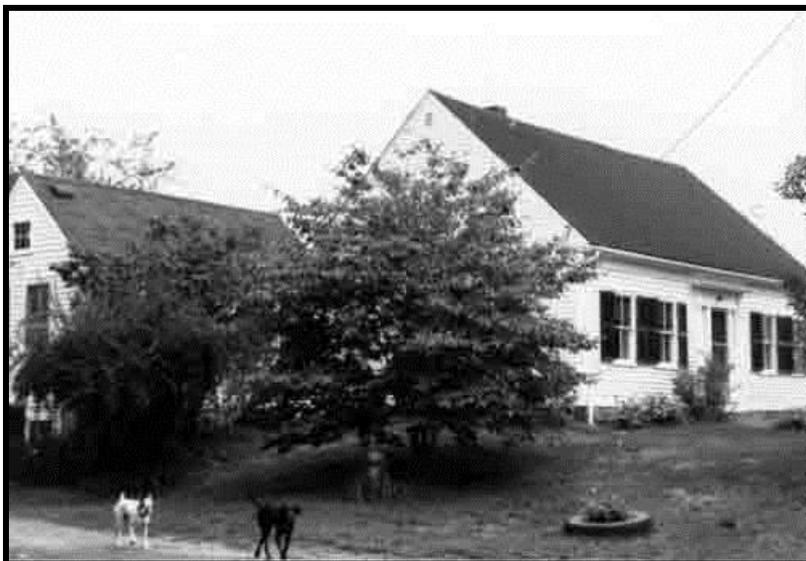


31 Everett Street



Morse-Barber-Tyler House

Form Nos.	18 house
Area	
Town	Sherborn
Address	31 Everett Street
Assessor's Map	10/91
USGS Map	Framingham
Historic Name	Morse-Barber-Tyler House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Mary C. Sobieski
" Original	Undetermined member of Morse family
Constructed	ca. 1830-1835
Source	Rowena Butler's Reminiscences
Style/Form	Cape
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Barn
Alterations	West wing probably added ca. 1860's
Moved	No
Acreage	4.22 acres
Setting:	Situated on a grassy knoll, granite hitching post still extant to right of gravel driveway.
Recorded	June-July 1981, by Edward W. Gordon

Updated 1999, by Sanford Johnson

Film Roll/Negative Roll 5

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

1981 Survey

This charming dwelling is composed of a 1 1/2 story Cape and 2 story west wing. In the center of the Cape's 5 bay main facade is a transitional entrance whose harrow sidelights and attenuated pilasters are Federalist in character while its entablature is a harbinger of a heavier Greek Revival sensibility. Sheathed with clapboards, its windows are simply enframed. After the Greek Revival temple form house, the Cape was the most popular dwelling type in mid 19th century Sherborn.

1999 Update

The house at 31 Everett Street (#18) survives as it is described on the survey form completed in 1981. No major changes have been carried out since that time. However, a barn is recorded on the 1981 MHC inventory form that has since been removed. A garage was added in 1998 abutting the old barn foundation.

The Morse-Barber-Tyler House at 31 Everett Street is a one and one-half-story Cape Cod house with a wing at the left side which may originally have been a shop. The side-gabled main block is five bays in width and two bays deep. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with beaded trim. The center entry is surrounded by classical molding with ½ length sidelights and frieze above. A slim chimney marks the roofline. It is the right one of two which existed in the early 1900s. The second floor has a full shed dormer in the back.

The side-gabled wing is lit by two 6/6 windows and a pass door on the front and two 6/6 sash on the side elevation. The addition resembles an attached shop due to its size, form and method of connection to the house at its corner. The historic wood clapboard exterior, fenestration and proportions are also appropriate to the type. Other shop buildings in the town are located at **121 Coolidge Street**** and **60 Brush Hill Road****.

A low stone wall separates the house from the quiet secondary street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

1981 Survey

Everett Street was originally known as the road to South Natick. It was originally part of the Post Road and was named for Dr. Oliver Everett. He lived on this street when first called to be Sherborn's physician in 1825.

This house was originally owned by a member of the Morse family. The Horace Barber family lived here from about late 1830's until the 1860's when they went west. A descendant of the Barber family returned to Sherborn in recent years to find the original front door in the barn. He had it installed in his bank in Texas.

By the 1870's a D. T. Tyler owned this house.

1999 Update

The ca. 1830 Morse-Barber-Tyler House at 31 Everett Street was in use in 1875 as a farm according to tax valuations. David Tyler kept 3 horses, a cow, a bull and a pig as well as a carriage on the property. While the form of the ell at the west side of the house resembles a shop, none is recorded in the tax valuations for 1875 or 1885. By 1935, the owner was Elizabeth Sobieski who kept chickens in a new hen house. She worked as a maid and remained in residence until the current time 1980s. It was later owned by Susan Cunningham who did much renovation, and by the Putnam family ca. 1985 until 1998.

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1999 Update

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