

# 15 Farm Road



*Michael Guryn House*

<b>Form No.</b>	21
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	15 Farm Road
<b>Historic Name</b>	Michael Guryn House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence/cobbler shop
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Alvin Ramsley
<b>" Original</b>	Benjamin Bullard
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1840
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
<b>Style/Form</b>	Cape
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	1.75 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated near railroad track - a barn covered with weathered shingles is located to the west of the house.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981.

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a simple 1 1/2 story cape cottage. It is composed of a long rectangular main block and east wing. Its front door is flanked by narrow side lights. The roof's dormers are probably early 20th century additions. This house is part of Farm Road's collection of unpretentious early-mid. 19th century cottages. This house retains much of its original glass and hardware.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

In 1852 Benjamin Bullard, owner of land on the northern side of Farm Road, sold part of his property to his son-in-law, Michael Guryn. Guryn married Bullard's daughter, Persis Anne, in 1840. Bullard had purchased this property in 1836.

Guryn added the 2 room east wing to house his cobbler's shop. A number of shoe lasts dating to the 1840's have been found in the barn. Michael Guryn died in ca. 1900, leaving the house to a Mrs. Carley. Mrs. Carley boarded Sawin Academy teachers in this dwelling.

Michael Guryn was one of 20 men employed at Nathaniel Dowses shoe shop. He made, entirely by hand, the heavy work shoe called a plow shoe or "Brogan'.

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