

# 21 Farm Road



*Sarah Babcock House (4/12/06 photo)*

<b>Form No.</b>	22
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	21 Farm Road
<b>Historic Name</b>	Sarah Babcock House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Virginia Sherrill
<b>" Original</b>	Sarah Babcock
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1820
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
<b>Style/Form</b>	Cape/Scalloped shingle & clapboard
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Barn
<b>Outbuildings</b>	
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	1.00 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated on a rise east of railroad tracks, rubble stone wall runs parallel to Farm Road.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981.

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This central hall plan Cape house is 1 1/2 stories tall. Its main 5 bay facade features a front door which is flanked by narrow side lights and is enframed by a simple wooden molding. A central chimney projects from its ridge roof. Dormer windows display pediments which contain scalloped shingles (probably added in the 1890's or early 1900's).

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Little is known of this house's origins. The earliest notation on this house is that "Sarah Babcock, widow of Moses Babcock, lived here." Sarah Perry Babcock was born on 7 February, 1783. Col. Moses Babcock was born 8 January, 1757 , marrying first Betsey Leland on 22 August, 1780, and later Sarah Perry at an undetermined date.

By 1875 an H. W. Bullard lived in this house. A Mrs. Santelle resided here from the 1880's until the early 1900's.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

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