

167 Farm Road



Morse-Russell-Southwick House

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| Form No. | 31 |
| Town | Sherborn |
| Address | 167 Farm Road |
| Historic Name | Morse-Russell-Southwick House |
| Uses: Original | Residence |
| Present | Residence |
| Ownership, 1981 | Maynard Grindle |
| " Original | Samuel Morse |
| Constructed | 1710 |
| Source | Morse History of Sherborn. |
| Style/Form | Georgian with federal entrance |
| Architect | |
| Ext. Wall Fabric | Clapboard |
| Outbuildings | Garage, Barn |
| Alterations | Ell added in 1902 |
| Moved | No |
| Acreage | 7.98 acres |
| Setting: | Located in the heart of one of Sherborn's most scenic areas, surrounded by farms, estates, north of Farm Pond. |

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Originally a much smaller house (built 1720) this house was enlarged in the late 19th century. Its rear ell was added in 1902. Its asymmetrical 4 bay main facade is graced with an elegant Federal entrance- its front door is flanked by multipaned sidelights and crowned by an elliptical fanlight. Its capped and fully enframed windows contain 6/6 lights. Its large central chimney projects from its gable roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1720 for Samuel Morse (1687) in the southwestern portion of this town, one of the first sections of Sherborn settled in the 1650's. Samuel's grandfather Daniel Sr. had been among Sherborn's first settlers. Daniel Morse Sr. owned a garrison house near the present road to Dover, not far from the Charles River. The Morse family sought refuge in Daniel Sr.'s home during King Phillip's War. At any rate Samuel Morse lived in a much smaller segment of the present 167 Farm Road from 1720-1729. In 1729 he sold their property to Deacon Jonathan Russell. The Russell family owned this house for about 100 years. By the mid 19th century C. T. Southwick owned this house. He operated an amusement park on Farm Pond (formerly known as Farm Lake) called Clover Nook Grove. The pavilion at Southwick's resort offered refreshments and "wonderful dances with well known orchestras". A steamship, the Atlanta, sailed from Southwick's pier. The Atlanta made its last trip at the turn of the century. Hayden Channing lived here while he ran the farm across the street for his father and he also added the house's rear ell.

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