

# 42 Forest Street



*J.W. Barber House*

<b>Form No.</b>	34
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	42 Forest Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	J.W. Barber House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Alexander Marsh
<b>" Original</b>	J. W. Barber
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1870
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntings file
<b>Style/Form</b>	Late 19th century frame vernacular
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn and shed
<b>Alterations</b>	Front porch (enclosed) added in 20th c.
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	1.1 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated on tree shaded rise, rubble stone retaining wall runs along Forest St. line of property.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a simple 2 1/2 story farm house. Its main facade features a projecting front porch (enclosed). Above the porch are windows which are Italianate in character - a pair of second floor windows are fully enframed and capped while the attic window culminates in a round arch. Rounded forms with incised circles accent the eaves of the main facade's wide gable.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house first appears on the 1875 Sherborn map and judging by its form and surface treatment can not date to much earlier than 1870. It was built for J. W. Barber, one of the children of Vernal Barber (he lived at 136 South Main Street}. Since 1753 Barbers had lived at 46 Forest Street (built ca. 1674) to the east of this house.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

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