

28 Hollis Street



Leland Barn

Form No.	45
Town	Sherborn
Address	28 Hollis Street
Historic Name	Leland Barn
Uses: Original	Barn
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Barbara Whitman
" Original	Possibly William Leland
Constructed	ca. 1750's
Source	Owner and deduced from Susan Ware's genealogical work.
Style/Form	Colonial revival surface treatment
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboards
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	Converted to home in 1926
Moved	No
Acreage	6.00 acres
Setting:	Located on well-maintained lot near Brown Meadow Brook.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Once a barn and used for purely utilitarian purposes, this structure was converted to a private residence in 1926. Colonial and Federal Revival surface treatments include an elegant Georgian Revival entrance and attenuated Doric pilasters (main facade). Timbers and beams in the attic and basement attest to this structure's mid 18th century origin. Rectangular in plan it rests on a rubble stone foundation (part of which is below ground) and is crowned by a wide gable roof which is covered with asbestos shingles.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This barn was once a barn on the property Of William Leland (1725-1762). He lived across the road in the "Old Red House", built by his father Deacon William in 1717. The "Old Red House" and this structure passed to William's son, Baruck. Lemuel, Baruck's son, deeded to his sons Benjamin and William Leland. It is labeled B. W. Leland on the 1875 map. For many years this was known as the Benjamin and William Place.

Lelands were among Sherborn's founding families and had settled in Sherborn as early as 1654. Lelands lived in houses along Hollis and Mill Streets. Lelands continue to live at 118 Mill St., further to the west.

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