

137 Hunting Lane



Royal Stone House

Form No.	50
Town	Sherborn
Address	137 Hunting Lane
Historic Name	Royal Stone House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Diana Sue & Warren L. Wheelwright, Jr.
" Original	Royal Stone
Constructed	ca. 1810
Source	Deduced from Morse's History of Sherborn
Style/Form	Federal
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Colonial Revival entrance porch removed, chimney restored to its original size, 1979
Moved	From 282 Western Ave., Dec. 1978
Acreage	23.50 acres
Setting:	Situated in clearing within heavily wooded area - on south side of Hunting Lane.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This simple Federal farmhouse is composed of a 2 story main block and one story rear ell. It is crowned by a hip roof. Projecting from the roof's center is a massive brick chimney. The surface treatments of its five bay main facade are extremely restrained - windows are simply enframed and its front door is flanked by Doric pilasters and is crowned by a projecting replacement cornice. A Colonial Revival entrance porch has been recently removed. For many years this dwelling had a much narrower chimney - framing for a ten-foot square chimney was discovered and a more massive chimney has been re-erected.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1810 at 282 Western Ave., this modest farmhouse was moved to Hunting Lane in December 1978. Its Western Ave. lot had been part of the Morse-Tay holding. Dr. Jonathan Tay lived in the handsome Georgian house which is still extant at 266 Western Ave. His daughter, Sally, married Royal Stone (marriage date undetermined) and inherited the Western Ave. property. Royal Stone (1787-1854) and his bride probably built this house about 1810 and lived here until 1820. In that year he inherited the Joseph Twitchell House on Pleasant Street from his father, Silas Stone. (Silas Stone was an inventor and manufacture, of a surgical truss.) The Western Ave. property remained in the Stone family until 1854 when the house passed to a Mr. D. O. Howard.

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