

# 8 Kendall Avenue



*Columbia Farm, November 1998*

**Form No.** 244, 246-barn,245-garage

**Town** Sherborn  
**Address** 8 Kendall Avenue  
**Assessor's #** 5/6  
**USGS Quad** Framingham

**Historic Name** Columbia Farm

**Uses: Present** Residential/agricultural  
**Original** Residential/agricultural

**Constructed** ca. 1903

**Source** Assessor information  
**Style/Form** Victorian Eclectic/Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:**  
**Foundation** Cobblestone  
**Wall/Trim** Vinyl clapboards  
**Roof** Asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings** Barn; garage

**Alterations** Re-sided in vinyl clapboards

**Condition** Good  
**Moved** No

**Acreage** 4.96 acres  
**Setting** Rural

**Film Roll/Negative** Roll 6  
**Recorded by** Sanford Johnson, May 1999

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Eight Kendall Avenue is a front-gabled, two and one-half-story Victorian Eclectic style residence with a one-story rear ell and hipped front porch that wraps around the east elevation. A shed dormer enlarges the upper floor and a pediment marks the roof of the porch over the side-hall entry. The three by three-bay plan is lit by 2/1 double-hung sash with no trim. Decorative elements consist of the molded cornice, grouped colonettes with Ionic capitals supporting the porch and the denticulated pediment. The foundation is built of cobblestone as are the bases of the colonettes. The well-maintained house occupies a corner lot on a moderately busy road. A two-bay, pyramidal hipped garage clad in wood shingles occupies a site behind (north of) the house.

The barn, located across Kendall Street from the house, is a large, front-gabled, two and one-half-story building with a shed ell attached to the west (right) side. A side-gabled, one and one-half-story building with two gabled dormers is attached to the left side of the barn. The barn is located immediately adjacent to the road and has large fields behind. The central mass of the building is accessed by a roll-up vehicle door and a pass door. Six over six double-hung sash light the facade at the first and second stories. The shed-roofed ell has two vehicle openings accessed by swinging doors. The left addition has the appearance of an altered Cape Cod house and may function as a residence. The entire building is clad in vinyl clapboards. This barn is typical of others in the town in terms of its size and form. The design of the house bears a strong resemblance to the C. Arthur Dowse House at **1 Lake Street\*\*** and may share a designer or builder.

## **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

The house at 8 Kendall Avenue was constructed around 1903 according to assessor information. The original owner or builder are unknown. Land surrounding the house and barn is described as pasture on the 1939 WPA map. By 1964, the owner was Carlton Badger.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- 1874 Beers map; 1889 Walker map; 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
- Resident directories, 1898, 1915, 1917, 1930-31.
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- Tax valuations.