

# 1 Lake Street



*C. Arthur Dowse House*

<b>Form No.</b>	53
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	1 Lake Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	C. Arthur Dowse House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	C. A. Dowse, Jr.
<b>" Original</b>	C. A. Dowse
<b>Constructed</b>	1907
<b>Source</b>	Owner's parents
<b>Style/Form</b>	Queen Anne
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard, shingles
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Garage and wood shed
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	Part of 12 acres

**Setting:** Situated at intersection of Lake and North  
Main Streets in the heart of Dowse's Corner.

**Recorded by** Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house, with its highly plastic form and variety of surface texture contrasts dramatically with its rigidly rectangular Greek Revival neighbors. Bays, gables, and wall dormers project from its facade. Access to the front door is gained via a recessed porch which exhibits turned posts and lattice work. The house rests on a rubble stone foundation. Its first floor is covered with clapboard while the second is swathed in shingles. Its massing textures and gables lend a Queen Anne sensibility to this ca. 1907 dwelling.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is one of the eight dwellings in the Dowse's Corner area which belonged to Dowse family members in the 19th and early 20th centuries. It was built in 1907 for Charles Arthur Dowse, Sr., who was president of the Natick Five Cent Savings Bank and held various town offices over 60 years. The house is still owned by the Dowse family.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

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