

20 Lake Street



Old Railroad Station

Form No.	55
Town	Sherborn
Address	20 Lake Street
Historic Name	Old Railroad Station
Uses: Original	Railroad Station
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Robert Potts
" Original	Mansfield and Framingham Railroad
Constructed	ca. 1869-1870
Source	Sherborn past and Present 1674-1924
Style/Form	Altered, presently "Colonial"
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Former railroad station completely remodeled in 1938
Moved	From Powderhouse Lane, 1938
Acreage	Less than one acre
Setting:	Tree shaded lot on the south side of Lake Street
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This former railroad station was "Colonialized" in 1938. It's original appearance has been completely obliterated. See attached old photograph.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1869-1870 at the time of the opening of the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad, this structure was originally located at the foot of Powderhouse Lane (formerly Railroad Avenue) in Sherborn Center. It was one of three railroad stations in Sherborn (the South Sherborn Station was located on Forest Street, while the Southwest Sherborn Station was located on Whitney Street). The town utilized this railroad for both freight and passenger service. By 1882 the Old Colony Railroad Company purchased the line.

The Sherborn Center railroad station was moved to its present Lake Street location in 1938 and remodeled in the same year by F. J. Dingley.

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