

23 Lake Street



Alpheus Clark's Store

Form No.	56
Town	Sherborn
Address	23 Lake Street
Historic Name	Alpheus Clark's Store
Uses: Original	Store/dance hall
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Thomas J. Hougen
" Original	Alpheus Clark
Constructed	ca. 1850
Source	Deduced from Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Mid 19th century vernacular
Architect	Remodeled ca. 1870 by William Combs
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Shop
Alterations	Remodeled ca. 1870 from store/dance hall to private residence.
Moved	From near 69 N. Main St. to Lake Street, ca. 1870
Acreage	1.00 acre
Setting:	Well maintained front lawn slopes from house to Lake Street.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is composed of a 2 1/2 story ca. 1850 main block and a 1 1/2 story west wing added in the 1960's. Constructed of wood, an open porch projects from its 4 bay main block. Its porch posts display Italianate brackets. This house has been thoroughly remodeled, masking its initial use as a store/dance hall.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The story of this structure is difficult to unravel. According to Margaret Dowse Buntin, 23 Lake Street's main block was the south ell of Alpheus Clark's large house once located near 69 North Main Street. Its ell housed a store and a second floor dance hall. It was moved and remodeled ca. 1870 by a local carpenter, William Combs. A Mrs. Fleming lived in this house from the 1870's until the 1920's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

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