

87 Lake Street



Holbrook House, March 1999

Form No. 249, 250-garage

Town Sherborn
Address 87 Lake Street
Assessor's # 11/64
USGS Quad Medfield

Historic Name Holbrook House

Uses: Present Residence
Original Residence

Constructed ca.1870

Source 1874 Beers map
Style/Form Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:
Foundation Uncut stone
Wall/Trim Wood shingles; wood clapboards
Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings Detached garage

Alterations

Condition Good
Moved No

Acreage 3.8 acres
Setting Rural

Film Roll/Negative Roll 10
Recorded by Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The house at 87 Lake Street is a two and one-half-story, steeply-pitched front-gabled form constructed with Victorian Eclectic ornament. The two by two-bay plan is expanded by a second gable-front block attached to the west (right) elevation, a hipped front porch and a two-story, three-sided bay window at the west side elevation. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with plain trim. Siding is wood shingles on the upper stories and wood clapboards on the first with a flared course of shingles between. Gable returns, molded cornice and a frieze further ornament the exterior. A low brick chimney rises from the rear of the roof peak.

A small gable-front, single-bay garage is oriented west toward the street. It shares the steeply pitched gable-front form of the house and may be clad in a similar material. It is ornamented with a molded cornice.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

County atlases from 1874 and 1889 reflect the presence of a house occupied by L. Holbrook. This was Lewis Holbrook who is described by the 1865 state census as a 69 year old farmer. Mr. Holbrook's house burned in 1915 and his grandson, Charles B. Holbrook, had the existing house built at that time. Charles husbanded pigs on the property.

The 1939 WPA map indicates the house was in use on a semi-agricultural basis at that time and that the surrounding land was planted in hay. The Holbrook family was among the first settlers of Sherborn in 1652.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

- 1874 Beers map; 1889 Walker map; 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
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