

12 Maple Street



Dormitory for Rev. Sam. Locke's school

Form No.	60
Town	Sherborn
Address	12 Maple Street
Historic Name	Dormitory for Rev. Sam. Locke's school
Uses: Original	Dormitory
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Edward S. Rowell, Jr.
" Original	Rev. Samuel Locke
Constructed	1775
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	Late 18th century frame vernacular
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Polygonal bay added to main facade in 1890's
Moved	From 8 Washington St., after 1889
Acreage	.50 acres
Setting:	Close to road on a well maintained lot.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house and 5 Zions Lane were once ells attached to two successive houses at 8 Washington Street. 12 Maple Street is a simple late 18th century frame vernacular dwelling. Of a rectangular plan it rests on a brick foundation and is crowned by a ridge roof. A polygonal bay was added to its 5 bay main facade at some point in the late 19th century.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1775, this house was built as a dormitory attached to Rev. Samuel Locke's house at 8 Washington Street. Rev. Locke was ordained as minister in 1759 and elected President of Harvard College in 1770. After a short term at Harvard, he returned to Sherborn and opened a classical school for boys of well-to-do Boston families. The school operated for only a few years as Locke died at age 47 in 1778.

When Colonel Calvin Sanger* built the present 8 Washington Street in 1819, he used the former dormitory ell to house his large family during new construction. The dormitory ell or south ell along with a north ell remained attached to Sanger's house until the late 19th century Alijah Leland purchased the Sanger property ca. 1890 and moved the south ell to 12 Maple St. and the north ell to 5 Zions Lane.

* Co1. Calvin Sanger was one of early 19th century Sherborn's most prominent citizens. During the Revolutionary War he was the colonel of the first military company raised in the vicinity. He served as a representative to the General Court of Mass. for 30 years and was later a State Senator. In addition he kept a store and law office at 12 Washington St. Early in 1800 he bought a township in Maine where he bought a saw and gristmill-it was later incorporated as the town of Sangerville, Maine. Sanger, in partnership with Hopestill Leland started the first cotton manufacturing enterprise in Framingham.

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