

39 Maple Street



Hendrick Holden House

Form No.	66
Town	Sherborn
Address	39 Maple Street
Historic Name	Hendrick Holden House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Augustus Johnson
" Original	Hendrick Holden
Constructed	ca. 1850
Source	Anne C. Shaughnessy
Style/Form	Elements of Greek Revival and Italianate
Architect	Builder=Hendrick Holden
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Barn and shed
Alterations	ca. 1940s enclosed porch projects from the main facade, (north gable).
Moved	No
Acreage	11.00 acres

Setting: Surroundings retain pre 20th century rural charm - this is a relatively thickly settled section of Maple St. Maple trees which line this thoroughfare were planted by Emerson Holden, son of this house's builder.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon, September 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This L-shaped structure is 1 1/2 stories tall. A large barn is located to the rear of this structure. Its original main facade is obscured by a ca. 1940's enclosed porch. This house's pedimented window enframements are similar to those of Fleming houses further to the east on Maple Street -perhaps Holden built these dwellings (18 and 16 Maple St.). Beneath the eaves are wide fascia boards. Both main block and ell culminate in a steeply pitched gable roof. A brick chimney projects from the center of the main block's asbestos shingle roof. This house was built during Sherborn's "building boom" of the 1840's and 1850's - a time when Sherborn was a prosperous farming community which also supported numerous small manufacturing establishments (e.g. cider mills, shoe and tool shops, the willow industry, etc.)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Hendrik Holden, a carpenter from Vermont, built this house about 1850. Using only hand tools, he formed one of the first curved stairways in the area and enhanced the windows with carved moldings. Hendrik's son, Emerson, was born in this house in 1855. He planted Vermont Maple trees along Maple Street at some point in the late 19th century. (Maple Street had been previously called the Road to Ashland. It is Dirty Meadow Road on several late 19th century deeds.) At any rate Emerson Holden married Charlotte Fleming "from up the hill". They lived at 41 or 43 Maple St. It was known as "Solomon's Temple" and "was a high studded house which was torn down many years ago." The two houses on the 1875 and 1889 maps are 39 and 41 Maple St. 37 Maple St. was not built until ca. 1900. Emerson Holden was a Main St. railroad crossing tender and skilled watchmaker. His daughter, Mrs. Augustus Johnson, continues to own this property (1981).

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- Anne C. Shaughnessy - A Guide to Sherborn 1974
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This house was destroyed by fire in the late 1990s.