

56 Maple Street



56 Maple Street, November 1998

Form No.	259, 260-garage
Assessor's #	6/76
USGS Quad	Medfield
Town	Sherborn
Address	56 Maple Street
Historic Name	
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Residence
Constructed	ca. 1870
Source	1874 Beers Atlas
Style/Form	Victorian Eclectic
Architect/Builder	
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Undetermined
Wall/Trim	Wood clapboards
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	Detached garage
Alterations	
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	0.37 acres
Setting	Rural
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 3
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Fifty-six Maple Street is a Victorian Eclectic style, two-story, gable-front residence built on a three by two-bay plan. A one-story ell enlarges the building at its right (east) side. The side-hall plan is accessed through a simply trimmed door. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash, also with simple trim. Brick chimneys are in the middle of the roofline and at the right side wall. The house is located behind a dense row of hemlocks on a quiet secondary road and is well maintained. A stone wall separates the house from the road.

A front-gabled, one-car garage built in the first half of this century occupies a site immediately adjacent to the road. Exterior walls are clad in novelty board and the roof in asphalt shingles. Two swinging doors give access to the interior. Exposed rafter ends ornament the eaves of the moderately well-maintained building.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Five families named Fleming with a total of 10 members born in Bristol, England resided on Maple Street, all of whom had at least one member who worked for John Fleming's willow-ware manufacturing company at **58 Maple Street****. Additional heads of households on Maple Street named Fleming include George, Thomas, Edwin and John Jr. Fifty-six Maple Street may have been the home of Thomas Fleming who worked for his brother John of **58 Maple Street**** making willow-ware baskets. Thomas's wife Emma and nine children are listed in this approximate location in the 1855 and 1865 censuses, although the house was likely built around 1870, judging by its appearance. Land around the house was pasture in 1939. There was an orchard north of the house as well.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

- 1874 Beers map; 1889 Walker map; 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
- Conversation with Betsy Johnson 12/98.
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