

11 Nason Hill Road



Stannox Farm

Form No.	77
Town	Sherborn
Address	11 Nason Hill Road
Historic Name	Stannox Farm
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	David Howland
" Original	John Fisk
Constructed	ca. 1750
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	Georgian main block with Greek Revival cottage on property.
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Queen Anne shingle and clapboard
Outbuildings	Barns
Alterations	Enlarged several times - late 18th century and early 20th century.
Moved	No
Acreage	116.87 acres
Setting:	Located amidst farm country which retains its pre-20th century rural charm.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This farm house evolved from a center chimney salt box built ca. 1750. Over time it has been greatly enlarged. Its main block is country Georgian in character. Projecting from its 4 bay main facade is an enclosed entrance porch which boasts a classicized entrance. Its 12/6 windows are simply enhanced and its edges are crisply defined by narrow corner boards and molded cornices. Projecting from the roof center is a massive chimney which features a flared-out base. Attached to the rear of the house is a charming ca. 1840 Greek Revival cottage. Its main facade features a recessed front door which is surrounded by heavy Doric pilasters and an entablature. It is flanked by polygonal bays. This house provides a look at the various stages of a New England farm's evolution.

Note the Queen Anne shingles which cover the attics walls.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Stannocks Farm has historical associations with the Fisk family. (Stannock is the Nipmuck Indian name for wigwam). Its site was part of the 1644 grant of land to Lt. John Fisk of Dedham. In the middle 1700's John and Sarah Hill Fisk lived on this land. Their daughter Abigail married Captain Samuel Learned who owned this property by 1798. Capt. Learned along with eleven Fisks fought in the Revolutionary War, (Two of them from Sherborn and the others from Holliston and Natick).

By 1857 the farm was taxed to Gershom Learned of Natick. In 1875 and 1889 a Henry Neale is listed as this property's owner. Frank Daniels, the historian, resided here with his family until 1908, when it became a summer home for different owners who employed resident managers. During the Depression years the bank foreclosed on the property. At that time some of the farm help set up a still in a silo. It was eventually raided by the Authorities and it was the "biggest Haul" ever taken in Massachusetts. Since 1961 Stannox Farm has been farmed as in the 1700's and 1800's by a resident farmer.

p.s. Frank Daniels was a carpenter who married Mary Neale in 1868. They inherited her father's farm and turned it into one of the most profitable fruit farms in the region. Daniels was the largest peach grower in this vicinity and his apple orchard one of the best. He became an authority on fruit growing. In addition he was an assessor, Selectman, a member of the Overseers of the Poor. Francis T. Daniels had probably the best knowledge of settlements and laws covering aid to the poor and unfortunate as any man in town.

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