

1 North Main Street



Dr. Oliver Everett House

Form No.	79
Town	Sherborn
Address	1 North Main Street
Historic Name	Dr. Oliver Everett House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Mrs. Thomas Homer
" Original	Dr. Oliver and Maria Sanger Everett
Constructed	1833
Source	Everett family papers
Style/Form	Federal with Greek Revival details
Architect	Capt. Bowen Adams
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Attached carriage house, wellhouse
Alterations	
Moved	No
Acreage	Less than one acre
Setting:	Situated opposite the Dowse Memorial Building and the Central Cemetery.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Oliver Everett house possesses Sherborn's finest Federal/Greek Revival entrance. The Federal influence is evident in the door's sidelights and fanlight while its pilasters exhibit a variation on the Greek key motif. In terms of form this house is rectangular and rises 2 1/2 stories to a gable roof (whose attic displays a distinctive square window similar to one at 64 Farm Rd.) Its main block is one room deep and has a central hall. Architecturally this house is integral to the character of an area which is rich in 19th century private and public buildings.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This dwelling was built An 1833 by Bowen Adams, one of Sherborn's early 19th century master builders. Adams built his own house at 27 South Main Street (still extant). 1 North Main St. was constructed for Dr. Oliver Everett and his wife Maria Sanger Everett, daughter of Joseph Sanger who had a house and store across the street (site of the Dowse Memorial Building) and niece of Col. Calvin Sanger who lived next door, (8 Washington St.). Maria inherited the land for this house from her grandfather Capt. Samuel Sanger who had his tavern where 3-5 North Main St. now stands.

Dr. Oliver Everett was the town's physician from 1825 until his untimely death in 1852. He had the dubious distinction of being the first person buried in the new Pine Hill Cemetery. Anne C. Shaughnessy notes that a "Doctor was 'called' by the committee appointed to choose one, in much the same way that a minister was chosen, and he usually served an area larger than the town itself".

This house has remained in the same family to its sixth generation and remains essentially as it was built with the attached carriage shed and well house. The original specifications of the building contract are in possession of the family and state the overall cost to be \$1700.

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