

# 24 North Main Street



*Andrew Bullard House*

<b>Form No.</b>	88
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	24 North Main Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Andrew Bullard House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Since 1947 rectory of St. Theresa church
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Archdiocese of Boston
<b>" Original</b>	Andrew Bullard
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1840
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
<b>Style/Form</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Synthetic (aluminum)
<b>Outbuildings</b>	
<b>Alterations</b>	Front porch added, probably late 19th century
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	Less than one acre
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated in the heart of Sherborn's commercial district across from an ice cream stand and shopping complex. Next door to the south is the Sherborn Fire Department.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Greek Revival temple form side hall plan house enjoyed great popularity in Sherborn during the mid 19th century. A solid example of this style is the Andrew Bullard House, now St. Theresa's Rectory. Its basic 3 bay, rectangular plan, fully pedimented attic formula has been modified by the addition of a front porch and a polygonal bay. Its front door was probably once flanked by sidelights.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Built in ca. 1840, this house's lot was once the site of a malt house. This dwelling's first owner, Andrew Bullard, owned a cabinet shop which was on the site of the present Sherborn Fire Department building. The cabinet shop was moved to 15 South Main Street and later demolished to accommodate Sherborn Motors. On the 1875 and 1889 maps this house is labeled James Bullard. It was purchased in 1946 by the Archdiocese of Boston to serve as a rectory for St. Theresa's Church (35 South Main Street). Rev. Edward J. Riley was the first resident priest to live in this house.

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