

27 North Main Street



Justin Bullard House

Form No.	89
Town	Sherborn
Address	27 North Main Street
Historic Name	Justin Bullard House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Bank and apartments
Ownership, 1981	Joan T. Pease
" Original	Justin Bullard
Constructed	ca. 1850
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	Mid 19th century frame vernacular
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	
Alterations	"Colonial' bay windows added in 1970's - interior and entrance altered for bank function in 1977
Moved	200 yards south in 1860's
Acreage	Less than one acre
Setting:	Situated in the heart of Sherborn's commercial district, adjacent to ice cream stand and real estate offices, surrounded by asphalt paved parking lot.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although possessing integrity of form, this ca. 1850 structure's North Main Street facade has been altered by the installation of "Colonial" multi-pane bays. Its boxy rectangular form is defined by narrow corner and fascia boards. It is the only 19th century building within the commercial district between Powder House Lane and the railroad tracks.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Justin Bullard House was built ca. 1850 and moved here after the Civil War from the site of the present Post Office, to the north. Justin Bullard was a shoe dealer who peddled his wares throughout New England and the south. He also built a ca. 1870's house on the site of the fast-food outlet next door to the north.

In 1966 Jo Bryer and Grace Hardigan moved their real estate business from a small building on the southern corner of Powderhouse Lane and North Main St. to this house. The necessary renovations were done by the Bryers who had moved Unity Hall in 1959 from behind the First Parish Church to its present location at 17 North Main St. and made it into their home. The small building which had housed Bryer and Hardigan Associates, Inc. was moved to its present location just south of this structure (25 North Main St.) and was leased to a barber.

In 1971, Joan T. Pease bought this property to house her real estate business which had been incorporated in 1960 and operated out of her home at 93 North Main St. She shared office space with Paul Insurance Agency, Inc., a family owned business since 1828, originally conducted out of the Paul's home at 41 North Main St. and located here since 1968. The two apartments, put in by the Bryers, remained as did the barbershop next door.

In December of 1976, Mrs. Pease leased this building to the West Newton Savings Bank which, after extensive renovations, finally opened its doors for business in the spring of 1978. Meanwhile, Peases Inc. had moved into the old barber shop, 25 North Main St., which is being enlarged in 1981. Originally built as a residence, this structure has in recent years housed several commercial enterprises. Few buildings in Sherborn better exemplify adaptive reuse of an old structure.

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