

28 North Main Street



28 North Main Street, November 1998

Form No.	282, 283-outbuilding
Assessor's #	11/29A
USGS Quad	Medfield
Town	Sherborn
Place	Sherborn Center
Address	28 North Main Street
Historic Name	
Uses: Present	Office
Original	Residence
Constructed	ca. 1930
Source	Tax valuations
Style/Form	Dutch Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder	
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Cobblestone
Wall/Trim	Vinyl clapboards
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	Outbuilding
Alterations	Re-sided with vinyl; windows replaced; entire office building renovated, 1993;
Condition	Excellent
Moved	No
Acreage	0.5 acres
Setting	Town center
Film Roll/Negative	Roll
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Twenty-eight North Main Street is a two-story, five by two-bay Dutch Colonial Revival style residence partially adapted for use as professional offices. A one-story hipped addition extends the plan at the right (south) side and a gabled entry porch projects from the facade. Stylistic elements consist of the side-gambrel roof, sidelights and closed gable at the entry and molded trim across the eave of the front dormer. Windows are modern double-hung sash and the south-side chimney is brick.

Behind the house is a one and one-half-story, front gabled outbuilding of undetermined use. The exterior is clad in novelty board, indicating it may have been built in the first third of the 20th century, also the period of construction of the main building on the property. Windows are 6/1 double-hung sash except in the gable peak which is lit with a 6/6 unit. A slim brick chimney rises from the center of the asphalt shingle roof. The outbuilding is parallel to the house and is well-maintained. The setting is on busy North Main Street in Sherborn's diminutive commercial district.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house at 28 North Main Street was built around 1930 for Frank Everett and was owned from 1935 to ca. 1990 by John and Thomas D. Devitt, owners of the adjacent automobile repair business at **26 North Main Street****. Frank Goulding, a rural letter carrier, lived here in the 1940s. Thomas J. Devitt was the next owner and son of Thomas D. Devitt. The house is now used solely as an office for selling real estate. The novelty board outbuilding was built around the time of the house and is used for an unknown purpose. A small shed not visible from North Main Street also exists. The current owner is Pease's Countryside Real Estate (Century 21) from ca. 1993.

Devitt's Garage at 26 North Main Street was opened around 1929 by the Devitt brothers who grew up on Goulding Street. They paid tax in 1935 on a house, a garage and two gas tanks. They sold Shell Gasoline and performed repairs with such major, built-in equipment as an air compressor and automobile lift.

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