

# 33 North Main Street



*Bullard House*

<b>Form No.</b>	92
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	33 North Main Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Bullard House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	David C. Sortor
<b>" Original</b>	Col. Samuel Bullard
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1760
<b>Source</b>	Morse - <u>History of Sherborn and Holliston</u> , 1856
<b>Style/Form</b>	Georgian
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Garage
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	2.00 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Sherborn commercial district is located immediately to the south, to the north is the old Paul Homestead.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This charming survivor from the 18th century is situated next to the paved parking lots and modern stores of Sherborn's commercial district. It is, however, surrounded by 18th and 19th century houses, to the east and north. It is composed of a rectangular main block of 2 1/2 stories and a 2 story side wing. Its highly symmetrical main facade features a front door which is flanked by narrow pilasters and crowned by a semi circular fanlight and consoles which support a dentillated cornice - it is one of the most elegant, if not the most elegant pre 1800 entrance in Sherborn. Beneath the gable roof's cornice is a skillfully carved rope molding. The main block rests on a granite foundation. A 19th century photograph shows a wooden fence and a rubble stone wall which ran parallel to North Main St.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

According to Morse "In 1763 Col. Samuel Bullard bought from John Morse 30 acres of land originally of Daniel Gookin." Morse adds that "if any slander-monger wants, he can read the records." In 1782 Col. Bullard's daughter Mary married Eleazer Dowse who lived across the street and originally hailed from Charlestown, Ma. The Colonel's son James (born 1762) inherited this house and lived here until his death in 1828. It then passed to James' son Henry and Harry's sons George and Nason. In 1875 this house belonged to a Mrs. Bullard and in 1889 to a W. Bullard.

Note: Col. Sam Bullard was made a Captain of the Ancient Artillery Co. in 1755. He was chosen Selectman in 1760 and served in that capacity for 9 years. He was an active and efficient Whig at the time of the revolution and served one campaign at Bennington. His first wife was Martha Perry of Medfield. (married Dec. 12, 1751.) Mary Coolidge Ware was his second wife. He erected a Malt house on land he bought from Moses Perry in 1769. Morse notes that the Col. kept a house of entertainment (Meaning this house?). At any rate his son James carried on the malt business. The Col. died March 5, 1807.

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