

# 36 North Main Street



*Charles Rockwood House*

<b>Form No.</b>	93
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	36 North Main Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Charles Rockwood House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Ronald Buitta
<b>" Original</b>	Charles Rockwood
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1840
<b>Source</b>	Rowena Butler's Reminiscences
<b>Style/Form</b>	Elements of Greek Revival and Italianate
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Shingle
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn in all likelihood built at same time as main house
<b>Alterations</b>	Remodeled into apartments in 1970
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	Less than one acre
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated in one of Sherborn's most densely settled areas, diagonally across from old Paul Tavern. Parking lot for this house's apartments is next to north wall.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house retains its original boxy Greek Revival form - if not its original fabric. Its clapboards are presently covered with shingles. It is composed of a 2 1/2 story main block and two rear additions. The eastern most addition was added in 1970 when this house was remodeled into apartments. At that time its North Main facade's fenestration was altered - a door replaced an original first floor window. Still visible are its Doric corner boards and wide fascia boards. The double round arched attic windows are an Italianate touch. The barn on the eastern portion of the property appears to be original to the house. Landscape features of note include a low rubble stone retaining wall and granite driveway posts - these appear in a late 19th century photograph of the house.

Despite alterations this house's scale, form and certain elements compliment those of its more architecturally intact neighbors.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Rowena Butler states that this was a Rockwood House in the early 1840's. Charles Rockwood, son of Elisha and Hanna Leland Rockwood was its first owner. William Henry Holbrook of cider mill fame, lived here in the 1880's and 1890's. He apparently did not own this dwelling as a Joseph W. Bullard owned it in 1875 and it is labeled J. Dowse on the 1889 map. Harvey Auringer bought it about 1912 or 1913. as a Miss Anderson was living there and had a store in the front room in 1911 or 1912.

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