

54 North Main Street



Amasa Green House

Form No.	100
Town	Sherborn
Address	54 North Main Street
Historic Name	Amasa Green House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	David W. Crellin
" Original	Undetermined
Constructed	ca. 1800
Source	Historical Sketches, Sherborn Tercentenary, 1952
Style/Form	Originally Federal, now 1930's colonial
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard and shingle
Outbuildings	Barn with apartment
Alterations	Exterior remodeled and "colonialized" in 1930's
Moved	No
Acreage	1.00 acre
Setting:	Situated across the street from the 1796 stone House - low rubble stone wall between front lawn and street. It is located in one of the town's more densely settled sections.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1800, this house's exterior was extensively remodeled or "colonialized" in the 1930's. It was probably similar in appearance to #51 North Main Street (Captain Henry Partridge House), having a symmetrical five bay facade. It presently exhibits four asymmetrical bays and a Georgian revival entrance. It rises 2 1/2 stories, culminating in a ridge roof with short eaves. Despite its altered fenestration, this house retains a recognizable early 19th century form and is integral to the late 18th century - mid 19th century character of North Main Street between Hunting Lane and Dowse's Corner.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

For many years this was the home of Amasa Green, town coffin maker and carpenter. He purchased this house in 1825 and lived here until at least 1875. Green, like Captain Partridge, at 53/55 North Main Street, had a shop on his property. The north side of the shop has a full height basement door and windows which opened on to his shop. It is said that he made coffins with six sides, not four. Green was also a furniture maker.

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