

58 North Main Street



Malachai Babcock House

Form No.	101
Town	Sherborn
Address	58 North Main Street
Historic Name	Malachai Babcock House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Gary P. and Maryann Clancy
" Original	Malachai Babcock
Constructed	Before 1855, possibly 1852
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Originally a 1 1/2 story cape
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard and shingle
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	In the early 1900's it was partially destroyed by fire and rebuilt
Moved	No
Acreage	.25 acre
Setting:	This structure is part of a cluster of late 18th century to mid 19th century residences located between Hunting Lane and Dowse's Corner.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house's clapboard covered first floor is all that remains of a 1 1/2 story cape built on this site in ca. 1850-1855. Its shingle covered second story was added in the early 1900's after a fire destroyed the cape's attic.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house's first owner was Malachai Babcock. He had a Blacksmith shop across the street just north of the Stone House. Partially destroyed by fire in 1900, its roof was razed and the house left open to the weather during litigation. It was later remodeled by George Erickson, who lived here with his family through the 1930'S.

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