

84 North Main Street



Deacon Oliver Fisk House

Form Nos.	106 house
Area	B,G
Town	Sherborn
Address	84 North Main Street
Assessor's Map	10/41
USGS Map	Framingham
Historic Name	Deacon Oliver Fisk House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Robert and Susan Scherr
" Original	Deacon Oliver Fisk
Constructed	ca. 1850
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Greek Revival
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Asbestos shingles
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Exterior and interior altered (fenestration and fabric) after a 1930s fire.
Moved	No
Acreage	1.75 acres
Setting:	Situated on the east side of North Main Street near Dowse's Corner.

Recorded July 1981, by Edward W. Gordon
Updated 1999, by Sanford Johnson

Film Roll/Negative Roll 9

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

1981 Survey

Although altered by the application of synthetic siding, this house retains its integrity of form. It is composed of a 2 story Greek Revival temple-form main block and a 1 story north wing. Covered beneath asbestos shingles are corner and fascia boards. Its pedimented doorway enframing appears to be a 20th century replacement, although its sidelights are original to this ca. 1850 structure. This house is integral to the early - mid 19th century flavor of Dowse's corner and vicinity, at least in terms of form if not fabric.

1999 Update

The house at 84 North Main Street (**#106**) has been slightly altered since it was the subject of an architectural description in 1981. In an effort to update the 1981 inventory form, owners submitted the following information:

- Asbestos siding was removed and wood clapboards applied in 1991
- The attached garage was added in 1994
- During remodeling, windows in the ell were updated, doors were removed

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

1981 Survey

This house was built for Deacon Oliver Fisk. His son Samuel owned the house in 1875. A fire in the 1930's gutted parts of the interior and extensive alterations were done then. Deacon Oliver Fisk had lived across the street at Form no. 83 before moving to this house.

Note: Fiskes settled in southeastern Sherborn in 1704. For most of the 18th century Fiskes lived on or near Nason Hill Road. In the early 19th century Deacon Oliver Fiske broke from this settlement pattern and moved north to Edwards Plain. He bought 83 North Main St. in 1814 and continued the tannery in operation there. He apparently built this house as a place of retirement.

1999 Update

- [no 1999 update]

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1999 Update

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