

# 46 Pleasant Street



*William (Bill Gun) Leland House*

<b>Form No.</b>	118
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	46 Pleasant Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	William (Bill Gun) Leland House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Harold G. Hildreth
<b>" Original</b>	William Leland
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1844
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
<b>Style/Form</b>	mid 19th century frame vernacular
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Asbestos shingle
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Large barn across the street, small horse barn
<b>Alterations</b>	Door hood and entrance porch added in 1870's and early 19th century respectively.
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	1.00 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated in the heart of West Sherborn's farm country, surrounded by fields. Adjacent to sharp bend in Pleasant Street.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This simple ca. 1844 farmhouse was originally covered with clapboards. It has been denatured by the application of shingles to its walls. It is composed of a 2 1/2 story main block and a west wing which once housed a gun shop.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house's first owner was William Leland, son of Lemuel Leland of gun making fame. There were so many William Lelands in Sherborn that he was always called "Bill Gun" He inherited his father's gun making skills (Lemuel's home was 61 North Main St., Form 104). He purchased the old Babcock land in West Sherborn and "devoted much of his time and skill to changing over flintlocks to percussion firing". Many Boston firms sent parts of guns for assembling and customizing. (In other words modernization).

His daughter Amy married G. W. Fleming of the "willow working" family. Their daughter married Irving Hildreth and their son Harold lives in this house in 1981.

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