

46 Prospect Street



46 Prospect Street, November 1998

Form No.	330
Town	Sherborn
Address	46 Prospect Street
Assessor's #	6/1
USGS Quad	Framingham
Historic Name	
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Residence
Constructed	ca. 1955
Source	Assessor information
Style/Form	Ranch
Architect/Builder	
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Concrete
Wall/Trim	Brick; wood clapboards
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	Attached garage
Alterations	
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	3 acres
Setting	Rural
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 6
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Ranch style house at 46 Prospect Street is a well-preserved example of mid-20th century residential architecture. The wide, low facade spreads the floorplan across five bays of living space and extends further to include the two-bay attached garage. Brick and wide clapboards clad the exterior of the facade which is divided in two halves by the recessed center entry. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash in the right (east) side of the facade, a tripartite picture window in the left side and awning windows flanking the entry between the house and attached garage. Asymmetry of bays, deep eaves, a low-pitched hipped roof and a mixture of exterior fabrics, as seen in this example, are typical elements of the Ranch style. A brick chimney and wood ventilator mark the roofline of the house.

A low ornamental stone wall separates the house from the road.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Ranch style residence at 46 Prospect Street was built around 1955, a period of rapid suburbanization in the town and entire region. Sherborn had implemented zoning by-laws in the 1930s, a time when people were beginning to realize the value of semi-rural land for housing that was located within easy driving distance of employment centers. From Sherborn, residents could drive quickly to work in Boston, Medfield, Ashland and Framingham, among many other semi-urban communities.

As rural small towns and farming in general became less viable, commuting became more common, and emphasized the issues of real estate location, social status based on modernity and low-cost, low-maintenance housing. The ranch was promoted across the country as a convenient, efficient residence requiring less interior cleaning and less exterior refinishing.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

- Assessor's records