

# 39 South Main Street



*Horatio Coolidge House*

<b>Form No.</b>	131
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	39 South Main Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Horatio Coolidge House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Francis Mahard
<b>" Original</b>	Horatio Coolidge
<b>Constructed</b>	1820-1830
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
<b>Style/Form</b>	Cape with Greek Revival front door
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn - now an apartment
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	1.50 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Partially hidden behind fir tree to the north of this property is St. Theresa Church.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a simple 1 1/2 story cape. Its five bay main facade and 2 bay gable walls indicate that it is one room deep and possesses a central hall. Its Greek Revival main entrance is flanked by narrow bays and surrounded by handsome vertical and horizontal moldings. A brick chimney projects from the roof's center.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This attractive cottage was built in the 1820's by Horatio and Cally Coolidge on a corner of her brother Curtis's land. (He lived on the site of St. Theresa's Church.) During the late 19th century one of the many Fleming families lived here. An E. Fleming is listed as the owner of the house in both the 1885 and the 1889 maps.

In the early 1900's Jack McCarthy, oldest son of Patrick McCarthy lived here. He owned the Curtis Coolidge House next door, which was moved to 91 South Main Street to accommodate the construction of the almshouse, later St. Theresa's Church.

Note. Ida Fleming lived in this house until the 1920's. She sold it to Jack McCarthy.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

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