

45 South Main Street



Dayhoff House, November 1998

Form No.	335
Town	Sherborn
Address	45 South Main Street
Assessor's #	11/132
USGS Quad	Medfield
Historic Name	Dayhoff House
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Residence
Constructed	ca. 1926
Source	Assessor information
Style/Form	Dutch Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder	Olaf Lundin, builder
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Concrete
Wall/Trim	Vinyl clapboards
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Windows replaced with vinyl units
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	0.5 acres
Setting	Busy street
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 4
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Dutch Colonial Revival style residence at 45 South Main Street is a side-gambrel form of two stories, built on a three by three-bay plan. A three-quarter width shed dormer occupies the front slope of the roof and a one-story ell expands the plan at the rear. An open deck enlarges the rear of the plan as well. A triangular entry hood covers the recessed center entry. The side elevations are divided into upper and lower stories by the pent roof that closes the gambrel peak from the remainder of the wall field. Windows are vinyl double-hung units, flanked by shutters and a center brick chimney with corbel cap rises from the center of the roof. The house is in good condition and occupies a site on busy South Main Street. This is one of five Dutch Colonial Revival style houses in this section of town.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Forty-five South Main Street was built around 1926, perhaps for John A. McCarthy family according to 1931 Highway maps that indicate owners' names. The builder was probably Olaf Lundin who built other homes in this part of town and who lived at **49 South Main Street****. John Bryer was a subsequent owner and the Dayhoff family lived here by 1952 according to local historians. It is suspected to have been the parsonage for the Pilgrim Church at one time. A major rehabilitation was undertaken in 1956. Residential construction in the Dutch Colonial Revival style was common response to demand for housing in the 1920s, particularly in increasingly suburban Sherborn. The town was ahead of many in attracting homeowners who commuted to regional employment centers such as Medfield, Framingham and Boston. The setting in 1939 was amid South Main Street's large tracts of pasture land.

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