

67 South Main Street



Ezra Holbrook House

Form No.	133
Town	Sherborn
Address	67 South Main Street
Historic Name	Ezra Holbrook House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Mrs. George Barakat
" Original	Ezra Holbrook
Constructed	1738
Source	Morse - <u>History of Sherborn and Holliston</u> , 1856
Style/Form	Cape
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Garage/apartment
Alterations	Enlarged in 1920's
Moved	No
Acreage	35.00 acres
Setting:	Built close to road - Front yard enclosed by rubble stone wall and picket fence.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

A portion of this 1 1/2 story cape dates to 1738. It is a long rectangular structure with a ca. 1920's south wing. Its main facade features asymmetrical fenestration and simple window enframements. Three dormers (also ca. 1920) and a central chimney projected from the roof.

Note: This dwelling's picturesque picket fence was removed in 1981.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This venerable residence has historical associations with one of Sherborn's oldest families - the Holbrooks. Apparently it was built for Ezra Holbrook and his bride, Grace Coolidge, who were married on November 30, 1738. Their second child Joshua was born in 1743. He served in the Revolution and married Experience Dana in 1787. He died in 1818, age 75. His brother Thomas (born 1748), was a gunsmith.

Joshua Holbrook sold this property to Squire Dalton Goulding** about 1850. A J. W. Goulding owned this property in the 1870's and 1880's. An Arthur Wright lived here in the early 1900's*. The Barakat family (Makan??) have lived here since the 1920's.

Note: South Main Street has always been the only direct road from Sherborn to Medfield, and as a result, is lined with pre-Revolutionary War structures which are situated close to the road.

* Walter Wright, Arthur's father, owned the place until he died. He was a Civil War soldier. His daughter Eva married Albert Goulding and built the house at 41 South Main St.

** Squire Dalton Goulding was a surveyor. The Brauns of 190 Western Ave. have a map he drew of their property in the mid 19th century.

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