

109 South Main Street



Ell of "Ware Tavern"

Form No.	137
Town	Sherborn
Address	109 South Main Street
Historic Name	Ell of "Ware Tavern"
Uses: Original	Ell on #113 South Main Street
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Louis O'Neill
" Original	Eleazer Ware
Constructed	ca. 1815
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Early 19th century vernacular
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Wood shingles
Outbuildings	
Alterations	
Moved	Formerly an ell from 113 South Main Street before 1875
Acreage	2.00 acres
Setting:	Situated on a corner road near Sewell's brook
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This long U-shaped structure was originally attached to the rear of a larger main block. Its principle facade is 6 bays long. Its late 19th century 2/2 windows are boldly enframed by wide vertical and horizontal boards. Its main block is one room deep.

Its clapboards are currently swathed in weathered wood shingles. It is surmounted by a gable roof whose attic may have had triangular windows as evidenced by infill in their region. A one-story addition projects from the main facade and two 2-story additions extend from the rear wall.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This structure was originally an "ell" attached to the rear of 113 South Main Street, which was built after the Revolution. 113 South Main Street is said to have been a tavern operated by Eleazer Ware. The "tavern" was sold to Brayton Bullard, Sr., whose son sold it to John Goulding. Prior to 1875, John Goulding moved the ell across the street to its present location. In 1884, John Jackson, an English immigrant bought this house, #113, and acreage along Goulding Street. John F. McElhinney of Medfield acquired the property in 1908, and it remains in that family.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

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