

163 South Main Street



Webster Daniels House

Form No.	142
Town	Sherborn
Address	163 South Main Street
Historic Name	Webster Daniels House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence/Williams Perennial Gardens
Ownership, 1981	William and Charlene Williams
" Original	Webster Daniels
Constructed	ca. 1880
Source	Sherborn maps of 1875 and 1889
Style/Form	Late 19th century frame vernacular
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Greenhouse, barn
Alterations	
Moved	No
Acreage	5.20 acres
Setting:	Located south of intersection of Woodland, South Main and Forest Streets.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Essentially astylistic, this ca. 1880 house's form represents a departure from the rectangular temple-like dwellings which were popular in Sherborn and New England in the 1840's and 1850's. A covered entrance porch, a corner bay and wall dormer project from the walls of this 2 1/2 story rectangular structure. Enlivening the front porch are brackets which feature punched out circular shapes and a trellis.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1880, this house's first owners were Webster and Ellen Larkin Daniels. Their son David Daniels was born here in 1881. A Mrs. James, whose daughter was in Sawin Academy in 1904-1907 was still living here into the 1920's.

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